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**DOH WILL CONDUCT TB TESTING AT FARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) will be testing 106 students and 5 staff members at Farrington High School for tuberculosis (TB) due to possible exposure to a student with active TB disease.

"This is a routine investigation and we hope to complete all the testing quickly," Dr. Glenn Wasserman, Chief of the DOH Communicable Disease Division said. "There is no risk to the community at this time, and we will share our findings with the public once the investigation is complete."

The DOH will test students and staff who are identified as having contact in the same classroom with the ill student. School administrators mailed letters on April 29, 2008 to inform parents and guardians of students about the situation. The ill student is no longer attending Farrington High School.

The DOH is providing informational sessions for all parents and guardians on May 6 from 6 – 7 p.m. and from 7 – 8 p.m., in the Library Conference Room at Farrington High School. The Health Department will conduct the tuberculin skin test (TST) on site at the high school on Tuesday, May 13. Individuals tested will have their TSTs evaluated in school on Thursday, May 15 by the Health Department.

For more information on tuberculosis or TB testing, the public may call the DOH Hawai'i Tuberculosis Control Program at 832-5731 or visit the following websites:

- Hawai'i State Department of Health at [www.hawaii.gov/health/tb](http://www.hawaii.gov/health/tb)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/tb](http://www.cdc.gov/tb)

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