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COLUMBIA, S.C. - The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has provided the following update to the tuberculosis (TB) investigation in Greenwood County:

1. As of this update, the testing totals (associated with the school) stand as follows:
 - Total number of TB screening tests performed = 574 (110 non-students, 464 students),
 - Total number of positive TB screening test results = 74 (21 non-students, 53 students),
 - Total number of abnormal chest X-ray readings = 12 (2 non-students, 10 students).
2. Since March 8, as part of DHEC's ongoing investigation, the following information reflects additional testing and results obtained thus far:
 - Total number of TB screening tests performed = 961,
 - Total number of positive TB screening test results = 32,
 - Total number of abnormal chest x-ray readings = 1*.

**The one (1) abnormal chest x-ray was identified as an extrapulmonary case of TB, and had been medically determined to be non-infectious.*

Information resulting from this investigation will be provided as it is confirmed, and in accordance with state and federal law.

To learn more about TB, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/tb> <<http://www.cdc.gov/tb>>

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