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Just a heads up that we are sending out letters via email this evening to parents at a school in Russellville, Berkeley County where we have initiated a TB contact investigation. Parents of fourteen students will receive a letter from a school official notifying them that their child should receive a tuberculin skin test as a precaution. We will be offering testing Wednesday (Nov. 25) at the Berkeley County Health Department in Monks Corner and at the school on Monday, Nov. 30 for those who are unable to come Wednesday. The TB screening tests will be offered free of charge.

Additionally, awareness letters will be sent to the parents of the remaining approximately 150 students who were not likely exposed educating them about the illness and offering free testing of their children by appointment at the Berkeley County Health Department if they are still concerned.

We will have a webpage available in the morning at www.scdhec.gov/TB with updates and more information for parents. We also will be hosting an informational session at the school tomorrow afternoon and will have a hotline (1-800-868-0404) to answer questions and concerns until 8 p.m. daily.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jennifer