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Health Department investigating two TB cases at Aurora homeless shelter

The Kane County Health Department is investigating a cluster of two active tuberculosis cases involving two clients at Hesed House, a homeless shelter in Aurora. The two patients are on appropriate therapy for TB and remain hospitalized. The investigation has turned up no other cases.

“We are working closely with the shelter to locate the close contacts of the patients for TB screening,” said Health Department Executive Director Paul Kuehnert. “The good news is that out of the 150 clients screened, none of them has tested positive for TB. Our investigation will be ongoing.”

Transmission of TB disease requires close and prolonged contact in a closed environment. Casual contact with a TB patient is not likely to lead to the transmission of the disease.

Symptoms of TB include a prolonged cough (three or more weeks), bloody sputum, and fever, night sweats and/or weight loss. TB is a curable disease especially when discovered early.

For further questions about TB, or to schedule a TB skin test, please call (866) 233-9493.

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