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### **Richmond County TB Control Office**

#### **Richmond County Health Department is Conducting Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Testing at Warren Road Elementary School**

**Augusta, GA (April 12, 2016)** -The Richmond County Health Department and the Richmond County Board of Education are notifying parents of students, faculty, and staff at Warren Road Elementary School who may have been exposed to an individual with tuberculosis (TB). The individual is out of school and is receiving treatment.

Anyone identified as being at risk of exposure to TB will be offered a free TB skin test on Wednesday, April, 13, 2016. Students under 18 must have a signed parental consent form for skin testing to take place.

A positive TB skin test does not necessarily mean that a person has active TB disease, but the body may have been infected with the TB germ. Anyone with a positive TB skin test will be given additional information about follow-up care or any appropriate treatment.

**TB is a disease caused by bacteria that are spread through the air from person to person.** Because transmission usually requires close contact over a period of time with someone who is sick, relatively few people exposed to the disease actually become infected. TB can be prevented or treated when doctor's orders are followed carefully.

If you have any questions, please contact the Richmond County Health Department at (706) 721-5840. Additional information about TB can be found at [cdc.gov/tb](http://cdc.gov/tb)

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