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Shaw High TB Screening Update

(Columbus, GA)-There is *no* known additional *active* Tuberculosis (TB) case reported at Shaw High School at this time. Approximately 300 students and staff were screened for the disease with a TB skin test on Monday, November 10, 2014, following a report of an active TB case involving one student. The student is not in school and will not return until medical clearance is confirmed.

The results from the TB skin tests administered by the health department staff Monday are still under review. As a precautionary measure, the students and staff who have a negative skin test reading will be re-tested in January. Any person with an initial positive skin test reading is recommended for further evaluation, which includes a chest x-ray ordered by a physician. However, an initial positive skin test reading does not necessarily mean the person is contagious or that the person has active TB disease.

Students and staff are commended for assisting in making the process for screening smooth and efficient.

For more information on TB, access the Columbus Health Department website, www.columbushealth.com, MCSD www.muscogee.k12.ga.us website, or Shaw High School website <http://shaw.muscogee.k12.ga.us/>.