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Since a CSC student was diagnosed with active tuberculosis disease a few weeks ago, the safety and well-being of CSC students and faculty and the surrounding community has been Panhandle Public Health District's highest priority. PPHD, CSC and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services have been working together to insure everything possible is being done to protect anyone else from developing TB.

On January 26, PPHD began evaluating those who may have been exposed to the student with TB. PPHD nurses have administered more than 100 tuberculin skin tests. Based on the test results there is no indication of the spread of tuberculosis from this case and no further testing is necessary.

The student with active tuberculosis continues to be hospitalized and is expected to fully recover.

For additional information about tuberculosis, visit www.pphd.org. The purpose of the Panhandle Public Health District is to educate the region it serves about the prevention of epidemics, spread of contagious diseases, injury, illness and disability. The district is charged with promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors. They promote the quality and accessibility of health services and protection against environmental hazards. Through education, protection and promotion of these issues, the Panhandle Public Health District believes the quality of life of the residents they serve can be greatly improved.