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Hopedale Resident Diagnosed with Tuberculosis

Happy Valley-Goose Bay: Labrador-Grenfell Health announced today that a resident of Hopedale, Labrador, has been diagnosed with Tuberculosis (TB). The individual is presently undergoing treatment. This diagnosis is not related to the recent cases of TB in Labrador.

Management of the case is being coordinated through a team approach involving Labrador-Grenfell Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Nunatsiavut Public Health and the Department of Health and Community Services. Contact tracing is under way to identify those individuals who have had close contact with the patient. Close contacts are individuals who have had regular, prolonged contact with a person who tests positive for TB.

“Efforts are concentrated on all persons who have been in close contact with the individual who has TB to determine if they are at risk for exposure to the infection,” said Dr. David Allison, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Newfoundland and Labrador. “We have reviewed the case history of this individual. Due to the nature of the illness at the time of diagnosis, it does not appear that this person was infectious.”

“While there was a low risk of contracting TB, close contacts are being screened as a precautionary measure. If you are not contacted, you are not considered to be a close contact and you will not require testing.”

For more information about TB, visit www.lghealth.ca or call the HealthLine at 811.

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