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Dear Eastern Randolph High School Staff and Students:

It has very recently (May 3, 2024) come to our attention that some staff and students at Eastern Randolph High School may have been exposed to an individual with Tuberculosis (TB) this school year. The individual that tested positive for TB was last in attendance at the school in late April 2024.

Randolph County Public Health is working with your school to identify students and staff who may have been exposed to this individual. *If you are identified as having close contact to this individual, you will be notified with a separate letter.* Randolph County Public Health is also working with our State of North Carolina TB Consultants, who have extensive experience working with these kinds of exposures.

TB is spread from person-to-person and develops over weeks to months; it is completely curable with medications. **TB is NOT immediately life threatening nor an emergency.** While there is no immediate risk to public health from exposure, we are investigating possible exposures and will notify staff and parents of students who need to be screened and/or tested.

For more information or questions, contact the Randolph County Public Health TB program at 336-318-6882 or explore online TB resources at <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/basics/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara G. Aker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tara G. Aker
Health Director