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Facts on Tuberculosis for Apache County Residents

Apache County Public Health Services District wants to update citizens about the Tuberculosis (TB) investigation in Springerville and Eagar. The Public Health Services District has not found any active TB cases in the Round Valley area from the testing that has been done.

Symptoms for Active TB

- Unexplained weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Night Sweats
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Chill
- Coughing for 3 weeks or longer
- Coughing up blood
- Chest pain

Anyone concerned that they may have any of these symptoms or may have been exposed are urged to see their medical provider or come to the Apache County Public Health Services District clinic for testing.

The Public Health Services District has given skin tests to individuals that may have been exposed to the disease. Some individuals have had a positive reaction to the skin test. A positive reaction to the skin test does not mean the person has active TB, it only means he or she may have been exposed to someone who has active TB.

Individuals with a reaction to the test are considered non-infectious and cannot spread TB to others. They will still need treatment in order to prevent the disease.

Persons with active TB disease are considered infectious and may spread TB bacteria to others. Tuberculosis is spread from person to person through the air when an infectious person coughs, sneezes, laughs or sings. TB cannot be spread by touching a door handle, sharing silverware or cups, sharing a cigarette or by kissing someone. Children under 10 are considered unable to spread the disease because they cannot cough deep enough.

Again, of all individuals tested in the Round Valley area none have been found to have active TB.

If you have questions please contact us at: 928-333-6427