



# PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

## TUBERCULOSIS

Dear Parent:

This is to bring to your attention that a case of Tuberculosis has been reported for a student in your child's classroom and to provide you with information about this disease. If your child exhibits any of the symptoms described, it is recommended that you consult your healthcare provider or the Department of Health in Duval County Tuberculosis Clinic at 904-253-1070.

### **What is Tuberculosis?**

- A contagious bacterial infection that develops slowly over time

### **What are the symptoms of Tuberculosis?**

- Cough
- Weight loss
- Fatigue
- Night sweats

### **How is Tuberculosis spread?**

- TB is spread through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings

### **How can Tuberculosis be prevented?**

- Exclude symptomatic adult, infant or child from work, school and/or day care settings until properly treated

### **Implications for school**

- Exclude students or staff
- Must have a healthcare provider's note to return or upon the recommendation of the Florida Department Health in Duval County – TB program.

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

American Academy of Pediatrics:  
<https://healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/abdominal/Pages/FoodPoisoning-and-Food-Contamination.aspx>