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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

I am emailing today to share information. Great Valley High School was contacted by the Chester County Health Department regarding an individual in the school who has been diagnosed with active pulmonary tuberculosis. For privacy reasons, the identity of the individual is remaining confidential.

Tuberculosis is a treatable disease that spreads through the air by persons with active tuberculosis disease. Those in prolonged, close contact with the individual breathes in the tuberculosis bacteria and may become infected. Not everyone who is exposed becomes infected or sick. And, tuberculosis is not as contagious as the flu, COVID or the measles. It is, however, a reportable disease that requires an investigation by the Health Department. As such an assessment of who may have been exposed will be conducted in collaboration with the Health Department. **Students and staff who are determined to be exposed will receive an additional notification from the school on behalf of the Health Department that provides the necessary guidance.** We are committed to protecting and promoting the health and safety of our school community and ask that if you are contacted by the Health Department that you follow the guidance provided.

More information about tuberculosis can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/default.htm>. If you have more questions, please contact your healthcare provider, or call the Health Department at 610-344-6225.

Sincerely,  
Daniel F. Goffredo, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools