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**Health officials continue tuberculosis investigation at
Olathe Northwest High School**

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (April 1, 2015) – State and local health department officials are continuing their tuberculosis (TB) investigation at Olathe Northwest High School in Olathe, Kan.

As part of the ongoing investigation, health officials identified a list of approximately 75 additional school contacts of the one student with active TB disease and will offer testing to this group on April 8. Results from the initial testing of more than 300 individuals on March 11 showed 27 individuals with TB infection, which is not contagious.

“As part of the usual disease investigation, JCDHE and KDHE analyzed the daily routine of the 27 individuals who tested positive for TB infection. We identified a commonality among the positive cases, therefore the investigation now includes these additional school contacts,” said Lougene Marsh, director of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.

Individuals with TB infection are not contagious, do not feel sick, and do not have TB symptoms. Active TB disease is preventable and curable with antibiotics.

For more information about TB, visit www.cdc.gov/tb, JCDHE’s website, www.jocogov.org/jcdhe, or KDHE’s website www.kdheks.gov/tuberculosis

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Media Only:

Lougene Marsh, director, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, will be available for interviews today (April 1) from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at JCDHE, **6000 Lamar Ave., Ste. 140, Mission, KS 66202.**

About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.iocogov.org.