

Nine South Students Show Evidence Of Exposure To TB-Causing Bacteria

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Of the 700 South Brunswick High School students, faculty and staff tested for signs of tuberculosis last Wednesday, only a handful of students showed evidence of prior exposure to the germ responsible for the disease.

Nine had positive skin test results, or bumps, when their forearms were checked Friday.

Victoria Smith, nursing supervisor with the Brunswick County Health Department, said the results do not mean those students are infectious or contagious.

"It just means they have come in

contact with the germ," she said. "It means they could get the disease if they become seriously ill and their immune system weakens."

The broad tuberculin skin testing—which included faculty, staff, and students in grades 10, 11 and 12—was prompted because a 1993 graduate of the school was found to be infectious this past summer and underwent treatment. An effort may also be made to test other spring graduates. However, there are no plans to test freshmen, who were not on the campus this spring.

Seventy-nine students did not return to school Friday (it was origi-

nally to have been a teacher work-day) to have their skin tests "read" by nurses.

They will be retested, said Smith. "We have already put that in motion. The school health nurses are helping us with that. By whatever means, we will get them."

The ratio of positive results is generally about that expected in the normal population, Smith indicated.

"If this is the first time they have been tested, they wouldn't have known they had been exposed at some point in the past."

Those nine students were to come into the Brunswick County Health Department at Bolivia this week for follow-up chest X-rays.

"That will determine if any additional tests (of other students, family members) need to be done," said Smith.

Depending on the outcome of the chest X-ray, a student with a TB infection could be placed on isoniazid (INH) therapy for a year. The medication works "sort of like an antibiotic," said Smith, over a period of time killing the rod-shaped bacteria, *tubercle bacilli*, that causes tuberculosis.

Anyone found to have the disease would undergo more extensive treatment using a combination of drugs.

TB testing and follow-up is a state-funded program provided by the health department at no cost to participants.



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Supply School Given Flags

Supply Elementary School recently received United States and North Carolina flags from the Shallotte Lodge, Woodmen of the World. Above, field representative Jimmy Marshall and lodge secretary Debby Heustess flank Student Government Association members (front, from left) Daniel Jankowski, Jennifer Warren, Shameka Herring and Shantavia Odom, and (back) Dee Johnson and Jones Orrock.

South Brunswick Middle PTA Sets Open House For Sept. 28

South Brunswick Middle School students and parents are invited to the school's Sept. 28 open house, beginning at 7 p.m.

After a brief PTA business meeting, participants may visit the team areas and meet the teachers. Teachers will update parents and students on some of the projects and learning experiences they may expect for the 1993-94 school year.

Dr. Rick Lawson, principal, and Tom Simmons, assistant principal, will be on hand for a question/answer segment.

"We need more parents and community members working in and with our schools to show our kids and teachers that we care," said PTA president Wesley Brown. PTA memberships will be available at \$2.50 per member.

The 1993-94 PTA officers include Tedi Fairley, first vice president; John Reams, second vice president; Leona Bain, treasurer; Robin Potter, secretary; Millie Hart, teacher representative; and Principal Lawson.

GED Test Dates Announced

GED (General Educational Development) tests will be given at several locations by Brunswick Community College during October for adults interested in obtaining their high school equivalency diploma.

Test dates and locations are as follows:

■ Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m., main campus, Supply, writing skills test only;

■ Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5 p.m., main campus, Supply, all tests except writing skills;

■ Wednesday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m., Leland campus, Leland Industrial Park, all tests except writing;

■ Thursday, Oct. 7, 5 p.m., Southport campus, North Lord Street, all tests except writing skills;

■ Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m., main

campus, Supply, all tests except writing skills;

■ Wednesday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m., Leland campus, all tests except writing skills;

■ Thursday, Oct. 21, 5 p.m., Southport campus, all tests except writing skills.

Students may enter classes to prepare for the GED tests at any time. For a listing of the nearest classes they should contact BCC at 754-6900, 343-0203 or 457-6329.

Also, individual help in preparing for the tests is available at the college's learning lab in the ALS Building on the main campus north of Supply on U.S. 17 Business. The learning lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome.

Future Literacy Teachers Can Sign Up For Workshop

Anyone interested in teaching adult literacy classes at Brunswick Community College or assisting in an adult learners classroom may participate in a training session Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The training will be in the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS), a practical, life skills-based approach to teaching basic skills.

All Brunswick Community College literacy classes are taught using CASAS methods. All those who teach in BCC's Adult Basic Education (ABE) General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language programs have to complete training in the CASAS program. Others who wish to be considered to teach in these programs are invited to participate.

Anita B. White, a state CASAS trainer and director of the Brunswick Interagency Program at BCC, will facilitate the training sessions. She says the method helps adult learners relate the literacy skills they need to the goals they wish to achieve. Learners are assessed by their mastery of basic functional skills that are encountered by adults in their daily lives. Critical thinking,

problem solving and communication skills are emphasized.

The training will be held in the multipurpose room of the Brunswick Interagency Building on BCC's main campus north of Supply.

For more information contact CASAS Coordinator Sabra Barfield at 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

Calabash Planners Resume Regular Meeting Schedule

The Calabash Planning and Zoning Board will resume its regular schedule of twice monthly meetings beginning in October, according to Chairman Al Smith.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of each month, beginning Monday, Oct. 4, in the commissioners' meeting room at the town hall.

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