



NEWS UPDATE

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Three Children Tested To Rule Out Tuberculosis

Three children who do not have symptoms of tuberculosis are being tested at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to rule out TB after a potential exposure at a local daycare center.

The children have general symptoms such as fever and cough. As a precautionary measure consistent with hospital policy, they have been placed in negative pressure rooms used to prevent the spread of infection among potentially infectious patients at hospitals.

The results of the children's tests are expected by Friday.

No children have tested positive for tuberculosis in the wake of a potential exposure by a former employee of Highland Learning Center. Parents of children who were enrolled at the center should be watchful for potential symptoms of active tuberculosis. They include unexplained weight loss, fatigue, fever, night sweats, chills and loss of appetite. Symptoms of TB of the lungs include coughing that lasts three or more weeks, coughing up blood, and chest pain or pain with breathing or coughing.

Any parents with questions or concerns are advised to contact their child's pediatrician for medical advice and direction, contact the Cumberland County Health Department or come to the Children's Emergency Department at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for care if needed.

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About Cape Fear Valley: Cape Fear Valley is a 765-bed regional health system serving a six-county region of Southeastern North Carolina, with more than 935,000 patients annually. A private not-for-profit organization and the state's 9th largest health system, it includes Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Highsmith-Rainey Specialty Hospital, Cape Fear Valley Rehabilitation Center and Bladen County Hospital.