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Health Advisory

Please deliver a copy of the accompanying alert to each provider in your organization.

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**Questions regarding this alert may be
directed to the office of:**

[Insert Name Here]

Health Officer

[Insert Name Here]

Deputy Health Officer

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Cowlitz County Health Department
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HEALTH ADVISORY [Insert Date Here]

Pediatric Tuberculosis Outbreak

The purpose of this advisory is to inform healthcare providers about an outbreak of tuberculosis in children who are members of a XXX church congregation in XXX County. The church does not have an official name, but is located in XXX, Washington. As of [Insert Date Here], we are investigating XX cases of active TB in children under age 5. What is unusual about this outbreak is that the children are US born, meaning that they acquired their infection in the United States, possibly in XXX County. As part of our investigation, we are working with affected families and the church congregation to identify additional infected children as well as any active adult cases that may be transmitting the infection locally.

In the meantime, healthcare providers seeing adults and children who are members of the congregation should consider active tuberculosis in their differential diagnosis if adult patients have any of the following symptoms: cough, especially cough > 3 weeks in duration; fatigue, hemoptysis, diminished appetite, weight loss, and night sweats and unexplained fever and chills. Symptoms in young children can be less specific, but can include cough, especially cough > 3 weeks in duration, and weight loss (failure to thrive). Compared to adults, children are more likely to have extrapulmonary tuberculosis, including tuberculosis meningitis and adenopathy.

For further information on tuberculosis, please refer to the CDC TB website at <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/guidelines>

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