



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ADPH works with Alabama State University on tuberculosis investigation, town hall meeting scheduled for 5 p.m.**

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The Alabama Department of Public Health is working with Alabama State University to identify students and staff who may have been exposed to a person previously treated for tuberculosis. The person has relapsed with TB meaning that the person developed TB again after completing treatment. While relapse of TB after treatment is not common, it can occur. This relapse was determined due to the patient continuing close follow-up with the ADPH after the patient finished therapy.

“We have only one person diagnosed with TB who has been on the Alabama State University campus,” stated Dr. Karen Landers, Assistant State Health Officer and Medical Consultant for TB. “As part of our TB Control Program, the ADPH will determine whether persons exposed to the patient with TB have been infected with the TB germ. We will provide preventive TB medication and follow-up for any infected persons.”

A town hall meeting open to the public will be held Tuesday, April 7, at 5 p.m. at Abernathy Hall on the ASU campus. Testing of exposed students will begin Thursday, April 9, at 8 a.m. at ASU.