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MEDIA ADVISORY

What: WORLD TB DAY PRESS CONFERENCE TB Rates in San Francisco on the rise for second year

When: Tuesday, March 19 10:30 a.m.

Where: City College Main Campus, Phelan Avenue, Multi-Use Building, Room 140

- Who: --Jennifer Flood, MD, Chief, TB Branch, California Department of Public Health --Julie Higashi, MD, Director, TB Control Section, San Francisco Department of Public Health
 - --Linda Civitello, Breathe California

--Representatives from RESULTS, the American Lung Association of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties, and Francis J. Curry International Tuberculosis Center --TB patients will be available for interviews in English and Spanish.

About: Come and hear Dr. Flood, California's highest ranking TB official, joined by San Francisco's TB Control Officer, Dr. Julie Higashi, review the latest data about TB in San Francisco and throughout the State.

San Francisco's TB rates are on the rise for the second year in a row. What's working? What more needs done?

TB advocates and TB patients available for interviews in English and Spanish. The City College of San Francisco Student Health Center will be recognized for their decades of providing access to TB screening and treatment to thousands of City College students.