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KC trying to find 300

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Health officials are trying to contact about 300 people who may have been exposed to two people with active tuberculosis who stayed last month at a Kansas City **homeless** shelter.

The Kansas City Health Department already has interviewed 104 potential contacts and has tested 91 of them. The investigation has found seven people with newly identified infections and 12 with previous positive tests. All have been referred for treatment.

The department has not linked any of the new cases to the two infected people.

TB is a contagious and potentially fatal bacterial infection. Symptoms can include fever, chills, cough and bloody sputum.

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