



August 25, 2016

Monica Mendez-Grant, EdD
Vice President of Student Life
Texas Woman's University
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Dear Dr. Mendez-Grant,

Denton County Public Health received a report from a local hospital of an unusual number of cases of suspected rhabdomyolysis in several student athletes at TWU. Our agency immediately began an epidemiological investigation to determine if there was a potential threat to the public's health or if the cluster of cases was localized and related to documented risk factors.

With cooperation from your institution, the local hospital facility, staff and student athletes, we completed interviews with hospitalized patients as well as unaffected teammates. These interviews were conducted over the last few days and have concluded. As a reminder, our investigation was to determine the presence or absence of a public health threat. Our interviews were not designed to determine causality or to confirm diagnoses; our goal was to determine the localization and overall risk profile of this unusual case cluster.

In light of these caveats, our agency has concluded the following:

- No evidence of a concern for the public's health; these cases were localized to the team in question
- Interview results showed signs and symptoms consistent with exertional rhabdomyolysis in hospitalized patients
- Risk factors for exertional rhabdomyolysis were present in many of the interview data sets

These conclusions are limited and are not to be substituted for an in-depth investigation into risk factors and causality. Based on these cursory findings, our investigation into this case cluster is closed. Thank you for your cooperation and forthright communication in this process. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance in this matter or others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Richardson", with a small blue dot to the right of the signature.

Matt Richardson, DrPH, MPH

Director

cc: Chalese Connors, Director of Athletics