

SOUTH CAROLINA: Botched SC Disease Probe Sparks Call for Hearing

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The South Carolina Senate Medical Affairs Committee will meet with Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) officials at the committee's August meeting to discuss the handling of the TB investigation at Greenwood County's Ninety Six Primary School. The committee expects DHEC officials to explain what went wrong and what they are doing to ensure that the department does not repeat those mistakes. Concerns include why DHEC waited more than two months to test the children after learning that a school janitor had TB, and why it took so long to inform parents. More than 50 students tested positive for TB and parents became angry that DHEC did not notify them until May 28, although they heard rumors throughout the spring. Committee Chairperson Harvey Peeler called for the meeting after two other senators who serve on the committee requested it. According to DHEC Spokesperson Mark Plowden, the agency is eager to explain what went wrong and how it is making improvements.

[See the topic on aegis.org](http://aegis.org)