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Additional Measles Cases

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Urges Vaccination

Champaign, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) is reporting two more cases of measles. The third case was in quarantine for the entire infectious period. The fourth case is pending genotyping results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All four of the measles cases are no longer infectious.

Most individuals are vaccinated routinely, in childhood, starting at age 1 (MMR, Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine) and are not at high risk for infection. Of most concern are people who have not been vaccinated, including infants. Champaign-Urbana Public Health District is working with the Urbana Early Childhood School and Carle to identify potential contacts. If you were at any of these exposure sites, please contact public health or your healthcare provider for follow-up.

Individuals with symptoms of measles (fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes) and an exposure should CALL their health care provider to discuss the need for testing before going to a clinic.

The identified person was possibly infectious at the times and locations listed below. Two hours have been added to the time after the individual left the following locations, as the virus can remain infectious in the air for up to two hours.

Thursday, 02/07/19 5:00pm-8:30pm	Texas Roadhouse 204 N. Country Fair Dr, Champaign
Sunday, 02/10/19 7:00pm-9:10pm	Save-A-Lot 220 N. Broadway Ave, Urbana
Monday 02/11/19 Tuesday 02/12/19 Wednesday 02/13/19 Thursday 02/14/19 1:00pm-5:30pm	Urbana Early Childhood School 2202 E. Washington, Urbana
Tuesday 02/12/19 5:00pm-7:30pm	Carle Urbana on Windsor, Convenient Care 1818 E. Windsor, Urbana

Symptoms of measles include rash, high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. If individuals develop symptoms of measles, CUPHD recommends they stay home and call their healthcare provider. Special arrangements can be made for evaluation while also protecting other patients and medical staff from possible infection.

Measles can cause serious complications such as pneumonia and encephalitis (swelling of the brain). Measles is easily spread through the air when someone coughs or sneezes. People can also get sick when they come in contact with mucus or saliva from an infected person.

“A single dose of MMR vaccine is 93% effective against measles” said CUPHD Administrator, Julie Pryde. “There is plenty of MMR vaccine available in our community. If you or your children have not been vaccinated, please talk to your healthcare provider now about getting vaccinated.” “CUPHD is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Carle, Christie, OSF Hospital and the Urbana School District to limit the spread of measles in our community”.

For more information about measles, contact your health care provider.

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – 217-531-4255

Christie Clinic – 217-902-6000

Carle – 217-902-6000

OSF – 888-627-5673

McKinley Health Center – 217-333-2700

Frances Nelson/Promise Healthcare – 217-403-5412; 217-902-6000

The Illinois Department of Public Health website: [HYPERLINK "http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/measles"](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/measles) <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/measles>.

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