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Updated Information - 4/1/19 - Oakland County measles outbreak

PONTIAC, Mich. April 1, 2019 – Below is the most recent measles outbreak information from the Oakland County Health Division:

Confirmed cases and vaccinations given

- 29 total measles cases now confirmed in Oakland County since March 13.
- 2005 measles vaccinations given since March 14.

Exposure dates and locations

There are no new exposure locations since the last update released on March 26. **To view the full list of confirmed exposure locations, visit www.oakgov.com/health.**

Vaccination sites

Oakland County Health Division offices in Southfield and Pontiac are open Monday, 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. *Health Division offices are not testing centers.*

- North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac
- South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Contact your health care provider for measles vaccine availability.

Important points to remember:

- **If you do not have documentation of two measles (MMR) vaccines from a doctor or Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), get vaccinated.** If you are unsure if you have had measles in the past, contact your healthcare provider or visit a location above to get vaccinated.
- **If symptoms develop, call ahead before you visit your doctor or emergency room** so they can take precautions to prevent exposure to other individuals.
- **Stay home if you are sick and don't allow visitors in your home as measles is highly contagious.** The virus is spread by direct person-to-person contact, and through the air. It can live in the air for up to two hours where the infected person was present.
- **Watch for symptoms for 21 days after potential exposure.** Call your preferred healthcare provider if symptoms develop and you believe you were exposed.

- **Measles is a serious disease that can make individuals very ill.** Complications from measles can be severe and include: Pneumonia, Encephalitis (swelling of the brain), Ear infections (can result in permanent hearing loss), pre-term birth and/or low birth weight babies in pregnant women.
- **Immune Globulin (Ig) treatment is effective within 6 days of exposure for high-risk individuals** including those who are unvaccinated or unsure about vaccination status, pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system due to illness and diseases like HIV, malnutrition, and/or medications.

For more information

- Visit www.oakgov.com/health for a full list of exposure sites and updated information.
- Oakland County Health Division Nurse on Call: 800-848-5533, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or email noc@oakgov.com
- Follow @publichealthOC on Facebook and Twitter.
- **Media inquiries only**, Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County Health Division, at (248) 858-1410.

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