



Health Advisory: Travel-associated Measles Case in Minnesota

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Action Steps:

Local and tribal health departments: Please forward to hospitals, urgent care centers, clinics, and convenience clinics in your jurisdiction.

Hospital and clinics: Please distribute to healthcare providers who treat patients presenting with new illness.

Healthcare providers:

- Contact MDH if an individual is asking about an exposure to measles or about obtaining post-exposure prophylaxis due to an exposure to measles
- Consider measles in patients presenting with clinically compatible symptoms between May 9 and May 25
- Isolate suspected measles cases and promptly report to MDH at 1-877-676-5414 (toll-free) or 651-201-5414
- Refer to the recently updated measles guidance for health professionals here: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/measles/hcp/index.html

A case of laboratory-confirmed measles has been identified in a 9 month-old resident of Hennepin County who recently returned from a visit to India. Clinical symptoms were compatible with measles including cough, coryza, fever and rash. The child was not old enough to receive the first dose of MMR.

Rash onset occurred on May 4, 2015. The case is considered to have been infectious from April 30, 2015 through May 8, 2015. **Secondary cases in Minnesota would be expected to have onset between May 9 and May 25, 2015.**

Exposures mainly occurred at two health care facilities in Hennepin County. There is little risk of exposure to the general public. Exposed individuals (contacts) are being notified and given information about how to obtain post-exposure prophylaxis, if indicated. Contacts have been advised to seek post-exposure prophylaxis at the location in which the exposure took place. However, individuals accompanying those contacts may seek care at any healthcare facility. Providers are encouraged to call MDH if there is any question about whether an individual should receive post-exposure prophylaxis or how to obtain it.