



March 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Detroit Health Department Measles Advisory

Dear Head Administrator/Principal,

The Detroit Health Department wants childcare providers, schools, and other child/youth-serving organizations to have heightened awareness for potential measles cases and to actively recommend vaccination.

Measles is a highly communicable viral disease that includes symptoms of a high fever; red, runny eyes; a cough; white spots (Koplik spots) inside the mouth; and a rash on the face and body lasting 4-7 days.

No measles cases have been identified in City of Detroit residents. As of March 27, 2019, 22 cases were confirmed in Oakland County with 1 case in Wayne County.

Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Recommendations:

1. Children should be vaccinated with the MMR Vaccine at 12-15 months and again at age 4-6 years.
2. Parents and guardians should also receive a MMR vaccine if they are unsure of their vaccine history or unsure if they have had the disease. Adults may receive one or two doses based on age and vaccine history.
3. All teachers and childcare/school staff should have documentation of receiving the measles vaccine.

Families in need of vaccinations can make an appointment with their primary care provider or come to the Detroit Health Department Immunization Clinic. Call 313-876-4667 (IMMS) for more information. Please share copies of the attached Measles Fact Sheet with families you serve.

If you are concerned about a possible measles case at your site, report your concerns to your local health department or the Detroit Health Department's Communicable Disease Program within 24 hours by calling 313-876-4000.

Resources: MDHHS: Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak
City of Detroit Measles Fact Sheet: <https://detroitmi.gov/document/measles>
CDC Measles: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/>

Sincerely,

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