



Public Health Advisory
Measles Exposure Identified in Clark County
July 18, 2016

Situation:

The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) received a report from the Utah Department of Health regarding a tourist diagnosed with measles. This tourist visited Clark County on July 7, 2016 during the patient's infectious period. The tourist was reported to have been at the Las Vegas South Premium Outlets located at 7400 S Las Vegas Blvd on that day. Additional information is not available nor likely to be available. Nine cases of measles were reported in Clark County in 2015 however, no cases have been identified since February of that year.

The Health District is advising clinicians to consider measles in patients of any age who have a fever **and** a rash regardless of their travel histories. Fevers can be as high as 105°F. Measles rashes are red, blotchy, and maculopapular and typically start on the hairline and face, then spread down to the rest of the body. The measles patient is infectious 4 days prior to onset of symptoms and 4 days after rash onset. If you suspect your patient has measles, have your patient don a surgical mask and isolate the patient immediately. **Notify SNHD at 702-759-1300, option 2** as soon as possible.

For Clinicians:

- ✓ Please include measles in your differential diagnoses
- ✓ Prevent measles transmission in your clinic by masking and isolating suspected patients
- ✓ Do not refer patients to local laboratories for testing while infectious
- ✓ Review patient's susceptibility to measles and counsel and immunize susceptible patients

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