

Public Health Advisory 3rd and 4th Measles Cases Identified in Clark County February 11, 2015

Situation:

The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) is investigating two additional cases of laboratoryconfirmed measles in a young child and an adult in Southern Nevada. Currently, there have been four confirmed cases of measles in Clark County in 2015. These are the first confirmed cases in Clark County since 2011. This Advisory is an update to the Advisory dated February 6, 2015.

The 3rd patient is an under-immunized adult whose case was confirmed on Tuesday, February 10. The individual is employed at Emeril's New Orleans Fish House at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino and worked there from February 4-7 while infectious and also attended the Las Vegas Pet Expo at Cashman Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., February 7, while infectious. The most recent case is in a young child whose case was confirmed on Wednesday, February 11. This case appears to be unrelated to the third case or previously reported cases. The child had previously received a single dose of the vaccine.

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. If you suspect your patient has measles, have your patient don a surgical mask and isolate the patient immediately. **Alert SNHD at 702-759-1300, option 2** as soon as possible.

For Clinicians:

- \checkmark Remember to include measles in your differential diagnoses
- ✓ Prevent measles transmission in your clinic by masking and isolating suspected patients
- ✓ Review patient's susceptibility to measles and counsel and immunize susceptible patients

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