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## Measles Outbreak Associated with International Traveler & New Public Exposure Locations in New Hampshire

## **Key Points and Recommendations:**

- 1. A new out-of-state resident has been diagnosed with measles, but was present in NH during their infectious period resulting in <a href="new NH public exposure locations">new NH public exposure locations</a>. This most recent person with measles is a known contact to the international traveler with measles who was previously announced (see press releases on <a href="June 28th">June 28th</a> and <a href="July 9th">July 9th</a>).
- 2. There are now 5 total persons with confirmed measles who are associated with this measles outbreak including the international traveler, 2 NH residents, and 2 out-of-state U.S. residents.
- 3. Review the prior NH HAN about measles.
- Consider measles for any person presenting with compatible clinical symptoms (fever, cough, conjunctivitis, and coryza followed by maculopapular rash), especially if there was a potential exposure.
- Test for measles by collecting an oropharyngeal, nasopharyngeal, or nasal swab for measles PCR testing at our NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL). Serum measles IgM antibody should also be tested through your normal clinical reference laboratory.
- 6. A list of public locations with specific dates and times of potential exposures in the last 21 days is posted on a <u>new measles website</u>. Towns/cities with recent exposures include:
  - Grantham
  - West Lebanon
  - Hanover
  - Lebanon
  - Concord
  - Alton
  - Merrimack
- Any person with suspect or confirmed measles should be reported immediately to the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) by calling 603-271-4496 (after hours 603-271-5300).

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.).
- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
- To change your contact information in the NH Health Alert Network, please send an email to <u>DHHS.Health.Alert@dhhs.nh.gov</u> or visit <u>www.nhhan.org</u>.

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