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Measles Outbreak in Clark County, Washington *No cases in Benton or Franklin County*

Summary

There is an ongoing measles outbreak in Clark County, Washington. There are at least 8 health care facilities, 7 schools, and 9 other community locations throughout Vancouver and Portland that have had some exposure, so more cases may be identified.

As of January 17, they have identified 16 confirmed cases, and 5 suspect cases, all among children.

Age Range

- 1 to 10 years: 13 cases
- 11 to 18 years: 3 cases

Immunization status

- Unverified: 2 cases
- Unimmunized: 14 cases

*Hospitalization: one case (one suspected case has also been hospitalized)

Clinical presentation

Please consider measles in patients who:

- Present with febrile rash illness and the “three Cs”: cough, coryza (runny nose) or conjunctivitis (pink eye).
- Recently traveled internationally or potentially exposed to someone with confirmed measles.

Health care providers should consider measles when evaluating patients for febrile rash illnesses, including dengue (<https://www.cdc.gov/dengue/>) and Kawasaki disease (<https://www.cdc.gov/kawasaki/>).

Infection control

If you suspect measles, immediately mask and isolate patients (in a negative-pressure room, if possible) to avoid disease transmission. Contact your local health department to arrange for testing. Refer to the steps on the attached Suspect Measles Worksheet (attached).

Prevention

Ensure patients and staff are up-to-date with MMR vaccinations