

## HEALTH ADVISORY

May 14, 2024

### Measles Case in Humboldt County- Community Partners

#### CURRENT SITUATION

On 5/10/2024 Public Health was notified that a family traveling through the area included an individual who was seen at St. Joseph Hospital's Emergency Department with a confirmed case of measles.

Individuals who visited the Days Inn in Eureka or the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department during the following days may have been exposed to measles:

- The Days Inn by Wyndham, 270 Fifth St. in Eureka from Thursday, May 9, at 2 p.m. through Friday, May 10, at 3 a.m.
- Providence St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department, 2700 Dolbeer St. in Eureka Friday, May 10, between 2:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

Over the past week the Public Health Communicable Disease Team, has provided contact tracing for individuals who were identified to have been exposed. Some of the individuals we have attempted to contact who were potentially exposed were lost to follow-up and may receive services through your programs. If any of these individuals were to contract measles, the dates they could potentially be contagious to others are May 17<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

Symptoms usually begin with a fever that lasts for a couple of days, followed by a cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis (pink eye) and a rash. The rash typically appears first on the face, along the hairline and behind the ears and then affects the rest of the body. Infected people are usually contagious from about four days before their rash starts to four days afterward. Children under 5 years old and people who are pregnant or have compromised immune systems are at highest risk for severe disease and complications from measles.

If you interact with anyone who reports they were in the Emergency Department at St. Joe's during the time in question and they have spoken with Public Health, please help them contact us at the numbers below EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS.

If you encounter an individual and you have concerns about possible measles related to this exposure, please contact:

**Reporting - report suspected measles cases immediately** to Humboldt County Public Health's Communicable Disease Program at: 707-268-2182. If after hours contact the Health Officer by calling Sheriff Dispatch at (707) 445-7251.

