



Detroit East Medical Control Authority Special Advisory

RE: Measles Cases Confirmed in Detroit Metro Area

Date: March 27, 2019

Situation: There are currently 22 confirmed cases of measles in Michigan. The infected individuals reside in Oakland and Wayne counties. Oakland County has 21 cases and Wayne County has one. The age ranges are 11 to 63. These individuals have traveled throughout Detroit Metro Area (there was a suspected case at Sinai Grace Hospital). All providers in DEMCA need to be prepared for potential exposure. Symptoms of measles usually begin 7-14 days after exposure but can appear up to 21 days after exposure. Symptoms may include; fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. High-risk individuals include those who are unvaccinated or unsure about vaccination status, pregnant women and those who are immune-compromised (have a weakened immune system due to illness and diseases like HIV, malnutrition and/or medications).

DEMCA Recommendations:

- All providers utilize the appropriate PPE when called to a potential measles patient.
- All potential measles patients **MUST** be reported to the hospital **PRIOR** to arrival.
- Ambulances should be cleaned as in any infectious patient transport.
- All agencies should confirm the immune status of their personnel:
 - Presumptive evidence of immunity to measles for health care personnel includes any of the following:
 - Written documentation of vaccination with 2 doses of live measles or MMR vaccine administered at least 28 days apart,
 - Laboratory evidence of immunity
 - Laboratory confirmation of disease
- **If symptoms develop, you are urged to not visit your doctor or emergency room unless you have called ahead so they can take precautions to prevent exposure to other individuals.**

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