



Measles Outbreak in Pennsylvania

TO: West Virginia Healthcare Providers

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Pennsylvania is currently experiencing its third outbreak of measles this year. This outbreak is occurring in the eastern part of the state. While West Virginia currently has zero cases of measles reported this year, summer is a popular time for travel, and travel history and/or contact with out-of-state residents should be considered when evaluating any suspected measles case.

Clinical symptoms of measles include:

- generalized rash lasting ≥ 3 days, which starts at the head and progresses down the body; and
- temperature $\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.3°C ; and
- cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis;

If a measles diagnosis is suspected, immediately isolate the patient with airborne precautions for 4 days after rash onset. A suspected case of measles should be **immediately** reported to your local health department or the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at 1-800-423-1271 (www.dide.wv.gov) in order to facilitate consultation and to assist with diagnosis, testing, tracking of contacts and initiation of control measures.

For more information on measles, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html> or http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/IBD_VPD/VPD/Pages/Rubeola.aspx.

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