



Orange County

ATTENTION

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PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO PEDIATRIC, FAMILY PRACTICE, PRIMARY CARE, EMERGENCY ROOM, INTERNAL MEDICINE, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, OB/GYN AND AMBULATORY CARE STAFF.

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT #1

Measles Alert

One case of Measles has been confirmed in a 13 year old boy in Orange County.

Residents may have been exposed if they were at:

- 1) Crystal Run Healthcare, 300 Crystal Run Road in Middletown between **11:30 AM and 4:00 PM** on **February 18, 2014** or **February 20, 2014**
- 2) Crystal Run Healthcare, 61 Emerald Place in Rock Hill on **February 20, 2014** between **2:00 PM and 7:30 PM**.

Alert your office staff to screen patients by phone prior to making appointments and be prepared to isolate patients who are reporting symptoms of measles in order to avoid potential transmission in the office.

- Consider measles in patients of any age presenting with fever and rash.
- If you see a patient who may have measles, report the case to Orange County Health Department **IMMEDIATELY** at (845) 291-2330, twenty-four hours a day. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation before reporting.
- Institute immediate airborne precautions for patients with febrile rash illness.
- Ensure that all children and adults are up-to-date with measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Vaccinate children routinely with the first dose of MMR at age 12 months and the second dose at age 4 to 6 years.
- Identify patients in your practice who are not up-to-date for MMR and recall those over 12 months of age who have not yet received a dose of MMR vaccine.
- Ensure all health care workers are immune to measles.

Remember- if you're considering measles in the differential, call Orange County Department of Health at (845) 291-2330 **IMMEDIATELY** 24/7 before you test.