



Orange County

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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 #4
Update on Measles in New York City

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are reporting a continuing measles outbreak in Brooklyn. To date, there have been 48 confirmed cases. All cases are part of the Orthodox Jewish community and were unvaccinated at the time of exposure, including many too young to have been vaccinated. Rockland County is also reporting 2 confirmed cases of measles in 8 and 14 month old unvaccinated children in the Orthodox community. Investigation and control measures continue. ⁽¹⁾

- Children aged 6-11 months who will be traveling internationally should receive a dose of MMR before travel, although this does not count towards completion of the routine schedule.
- Families who reside in communities with measles cases and who want to have earlier protection against disease, can immunize their infants with MMR as early as 6 months of age.
- Immunization before 12 months of age will require 3 doses in total.
- 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 Department of Health immediately at 845-291-2330, twenty-four hours a day. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation before reporting.
- 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.

(1) DOHMH Alert #15: Update on Measles in New York City: New Vaccine Recommendations 6/4/2013.