



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 #1

MEASLES ALERT

Recently, there has been a confirmed case of measles identified in the Hudson Valley at Bard College in Dutchess County. There have been over 100 cases of measles reported in the United States in 2015. Although a majority of these cases are associated with a multi-state outbreak that started in California, isolated cases are still being identified. Please review all patient records to ensure patients are vaccinated.

- Measles symptoms include fever, coryza, cough, conjunctivitis, maculopapular rash and koplik spots
- Isolate symptomatic patients with febrile rash illness
- 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 requiring MMR vaccination and recall those over 12 months of age who have not been vaccinated
- Ensure all health care workers are immune to measles
- When considering measles, please notify Orange County Health Department **IMMEDIATELY** at (845) 291-2330, twenty-four hours a day. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation before reporting.