



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 #3

Confirmed MEASLES Case

A 9 ½ year old boy (4th grade) attending a private school in New Paltz has been confirmed as a case of measles. He developed symptoms after a trip to England where a measles outbreak is ongoing. The child and a number of his schoolmates are unvaccinated. A number of these children reside in Orange County.

Symptom presentation:

Initial symptoms include cough, fever, coryza, conjunctivitis, malaise, diarrhea, anorexia and lymphadenopathy, followed by a generalized maculopapular rash lasting at least 3 days and fever 101 degrees F or higher.

PLEASE CALL ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT (845) 291-2330 IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT WAIT FOR TESTING.

Diagnostic testing:

- Serology for Measles IgM & IgG
- Viral samples (nasopharyngeal or pharyngeal swabs or urine)

These need to be submitted directly to NYSDOH Wadsworth Lab. Call ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT (845) 291-2330 to assist.

Measles is communicable for four days prior and four days after onset of rash. In this case 9/12/12 to 9/20/12 is the period of communicability.

Please encourage MMR vaccination.

A full New York State Department of Health Advisory will be released tomorrow, September 21, 2012.