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Measles Update

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As you may know, there is a multi-state Measles outbreak that is currently being monitored closely by the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While we have not had any confirmed cases in Kings County, we wanted to ensure residents and providers that our Communicable Disease team is staying vigilant with our monitoring and screening efforts to ensure the safety of our community.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that is transmitted by direct contact with infectious droplets or airborne when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. Most individuals have completed a vaccine to prevent this disease.

Measles begins with a fever that lasts for several days, and is usually followed by a cough, runny nose, pink eye and a rash. The rash historically begins to appear on the face, hairline and behind the ears and then affects the rest of the body. Infected individuals are typically considered contagious from approximately 4 days before the eruption of the rash and 4 days after.

The California Department of Public Health also maintains a helpful website with statewide general information to help answer other common questions.

They are keeping this information updated as needed at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/measles.aspx>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to give us a call.

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