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Department of Health Offers Free Measles Vaccination Clinics In Cumberland and Franklin Counties

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Department of Health today announced it is offering free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations to individuals in Cumberland and Franklin Counties after a potential exposure in these areas from a positive measles case announced by the department on Jan. 28, 2015.

Clinics will be open to both insured and uninsured individuals at the following locations. Walk-ins are welcome.

Today, Jan. 29, 2015
Franklin County State Health Center
518 Cleveland Ave.
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015
Cumberland County State Health Center
431 East North St.
Carlisle, Pa. 17013
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015
Southampton Township (Franklin County) Municipal Building
705 Municipal Dr.
Shippensburg, Pa. 17257
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“This is the first confirmed case of measles in the state in 2015 and though it’s not linked to the outbreak stemming from Disneyland in California, which has been gaining national concern, it serves as an important reminder that we should be vigilant in protecting ourselves and our children through vaccination,” said Acting Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine. “With numerous cases being seen across the U.S. already this year, we are hopeful that those who may not have been vaccinated or who are unsure if they have been vaccinated will take advantage of these free clinics to protect their health or their family’s health, whether they were at the locations identified or just have the desire to ensure they are protected.”

As a reminder, a person who has measles may have exposed other people to the disease on the following dates at these Cumberland County and Franklin County, Pennsylvania locations and times:

- **Walmart, 100 S. Conestoga Drive, Shippensburg:** Saturday, Jan. 24, from 8 p.m. to midnight.
- **Shippensburg Urgent Care Center,** 46 Walnut Bottom Rd, Shippensburg, Monday, January 26, from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Chambersburg Hospital Emergency Department,** 112 North 7th Street, Chambersburg, Monday, January 26, from 7:45 p.m. to Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 6 a.m.

The MMR vaccine can help prevent infection if it is given within three days of exposure. If it has been more than three days since your exposure, a dose of immune globulin can provide protection up to six days after exposure.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health urges all residents to be vaccinated against measles. The MMR vaccine is given to toddlers when they are 12 to 15 months of age, and a second dose is required for all Pennsylvania school children. However, individuals who have received only one dose of the vaccine, instead of the recommended two doses, may still be at risk of infection with this virus. If you have not received a second dose, the department encourages you to see your health care provider. There is also no risk in getting an additional dose of the MMR vaccine for individuals who may have already received it.

If you or your children are at risk for measles, and become ill with the symptoms one to two weeks after possible exposure, please contact your pediatrician or family physician immediately to share that you've been exposed so that precautions can be taken to avoid exposing anyone else.

Individuals who believe they may have been exposed in relation to this case or those with any general questions about measles can also contact the department at 1-877-PA-HEALTH. For additional information about measles, please visit the department's website at www.health.pa.gov or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov

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