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Department of Health Offers Free Measles Vaccination Clinic in Dauphin County

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Department of Health today announced it is offering free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations to individuals in Dauphin County.

The clinic will be open to both insured and uninsured individuals at the following location and date. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015
Dauphin County State Health Center
30 Kline Plaza
Harrisburg, PA 17104
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“Governor Wolf and the Department of Health understand that as the public conversation about measles heightens across the United States, Pennsylvanians may also have increasing concerns,” said Acting Secretary of Health Dr. Karen Murphy. “We have one confirmed measles case in Pennsylvania at this time that is not connected to the California outbreak, but we must collectively remain vigilante and the best way to do that is to ensure we are, together, protecting ourselves, our loved ones and our communities through vaccination.”

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 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.

“Adults and children who have received the two recommended MMR doses have immunity and don’t have to be vaccinated again,” said Acting Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine. “But for those who have not, it’s important to understand that the MMR vaccine is safe and highly effective and we encourage you to talk to your pediatrician or family physician or visit the department’s clinic to get immunized.”

Individuals who believe they may have been exposed in relation to the one case in the state 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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