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Lab Test Results Negative for Potential Measles Case in Lancaster County

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Department of Health announced today that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lab test results came back negative for measles in a potential case announced on Friday, February 6, 2015.

Those who visited the following locations on the days and during the timeframes noted are no longer considered to be at risk for measles:

- **College Avenue Associates:** 233 College Avenue, Lancaster, Wednesday Feb. 4 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **This includes all practices at the medical building*:**
 - Keystone Cancer Center
 - Red Rose Pediatrics
 - Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons
 - General Surgery Oncology Specialists of Central Pennsylvania
 - Lancaster Pulmonary and Sleep Associates and Infectious Disease Specialists
 - Lancaster Hematology/Oncology
- **Sheetz:** 1790 Millersville Road, Lancaster, Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Millersville University, Pucillo Gymnasium,** 1 South George Street, Millersville, Saturday, Jan. 31 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The department provides information to the public when we have information indicating there may be a public health threat and in this instance, given measles is a highly contagious disease that can be spread rapidly, we believed it was in the interest of public health to make a public notification out of an abundance of caution," said Acting Secretary of Health Dr. Karen Murphy. "Thankfully, we can eliminate worry in relation to this case, but it's still important that Pennsylvanians

remain vigilant when it comes to protecting their health and recognize the importance of vaccination, particularly as measles cases spread across the U.S.”

A representative from the Department of Health will personally contact individuals who received a letter to reassure them that this case was negative and to also recommend the vaccine to anyone who is not protected.

“Those who may have received a quarantine letter from the department or those who generally have concerns due to being at these locations during the timeframes indicated are no longer at risk; however, if you have not been vaccinated for measles and would like to get vaccinated, the department strongly encourages you to call your family physician or pediatrician or you can call the department for information at 1-877-PA-HEALTH,” said Acting Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine. “It’s important to ensure you are vaccinated with this safe and effective vaccine as the public health threat continues to grow across the U.S.”

At this time, Pennsylvania has one confirmed case of measles, which was announced on Jan. 28, 2015. Should there be any new information to share with the public concerning new cases, the department will provide information as needed.

For more information about measles, see the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s website at <http://www.health.state.pa.us/pdf/epi/MeaslesFactSheet.pdf>. Additional information from the CDC is also available at www.cdc.gov

*Red Rose Cardiology was noted to be in the medical building in the department’s February 6, 2015 press release; however, it is not located in the building there is not public health threat concerning measles at this location.

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