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Updated Information - 4/1/19 - Oakland County measles outbreak

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PONTIAC, Mich. April 1, 2019 – Below is the most recent measles outbreak information from the Oakland County Health Division:

Confirmed cases and vaccinations given

- 29 total measles cases now confirmed in Oakland County since March 13.
- 2005 measles vaccinations given since March 14.

Exposure dates and locations

There are no new exposure locations since the last update released on March 26. To view the full list of confirmed exposure locations, visit www.oakgov.com/health.

Vaccination sites

Oakland County Health Division offices in Southfield and Pontiac are open Monday, 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Health Division offices are not testing centers.
North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac

South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Contact your health care provider for measles vaccine availability.

**Important points to remember:**

- **If you do not have documentation of two measles (MMR) vaccines from a doctor or Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), get vaccinated.** If you are unsure if you have had measles in the past, contact your healthcare provider or visit a location above to get vaccinated.

- **If symptoms develop, call ahead before you visit your doctor or emergency room** so they can take precautions to prevent exposure to other individuals.

- **Stay home if you are sick and don’t allow visitors in your home as measles is highly contagious.** The virus is spread by direct person-to-person contact, and through the air. It can live in the air for up to two hours where the infected person was present.

- **Watch for symptoms for 21 days after potential exposure.** Call your preferred healthcare provider if symptoms develop and you believe you were exposed.

- **Measles is a serious disease that can make individuals very ill.** Complications from measles can be severe and include: Pneumonia, Encephalitis (swelling of the brain), Ear infections (can result in permanent hearing loss), pre-term birth and/or low birth weight babies in pregnant women.

- **Immune Globulin (Ig) treatment is effective within 6 days of exposure for high-risk individuals** including those who are unvaccinated or unsure about vaccination status, pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system due to illness and diseases like HIV, malnutrition, and/or medications.

**For more information**

- Visit [oakgov.com/health](http://oakgov.com/health) for a full list of exposure sites and updated information.

- Oakland County Health Division Nurse on Call: 800-848-5533, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or email noc@oakgov.com

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- **Media inquiries only**, Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County Health Division, at (248) 858-1410.

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