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### **Update: Measles Outbreak in Johnson, Linn and Miami Counties** ***New locations and dates of potential measles exposure in Linn County added***

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The measles outbreak in eastern Kansas is continuing to be investigated. Since March 8, 2018, **15 cases have been identified** – 12 Johnson County residents, 2 Linn County residents and 1 Miami County resident. The person with measles from out-of-state that was treated at the University of Kansas Hospital is not associated with this outbreak.

Please be aware that if a person has visited one or more of the locations below, on the dates and times listed, they may have been exposed to measles.

Locations where individuals may have been exposed to measles, and can be identified, are not listed. Those individuals have been notified separately.

**(NOTE: new \*locations and dates have been added).**

#### **Locations and Dates of Potential Measles Exposure**

**\*Olathe Health Family Medicine;** 302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Mound City, KS;  
March 26 and 28 from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**\*Olathe Health Family Medicine;** 1017 E. Market St, La Cygne, KS;  
March 27 from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**\*Casey's General Store;** 207 S. 9th St, Mound City, KS;  
March 26 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
March 28 from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**\*Casey's General Store;** 406 E. Market St, La Cygne, KS;  
March 27 from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Chick-fil-A;** 12087 S. Blackbob Rd, Olathe, KS;  
March 24 from 8:15 PM to 10:00 PM

**Olathe YMCA - ENTIRE FACILITY INCLUDING CHILDCARE AREA;** 21400 W. 153rd St, Olathe, KS;

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March 22 and 23 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Walgreens;** 7500 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO;  
March 22 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Chuck E. Cheese's;** 15225 W. 134th Pl, Olathe, KS;  
March 21 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### **People who visited these locations are now outside of the time frame to develop symptoms of measles**

- Auburn Pharmacy in Mound City
- Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas - Emergency Department
- Bath & Body Works at Legends Outlets Kansas City
- Crazy 8 at Legends Outlets Kansas City
- Orange Leaf in Overland Park
- Budget Coin Laundry in Gardner
- AMC DINE-IN Studio 28 in Olathe
- El Potro Mexican Café in Paola
- Payless Discount Foods in Olathe
- ALDI in Olathe

Symptoms of measles typically begin with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. Three to five days after symptoms begin, a rash develops and usually starts on the face at the hairline and spreads down to the neck, trunk, arms, and legs.

To date, KDHE along with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, Linn County Department of Health, and the Miami County Department of Health have been able to identify where and when each case became infected. KDHE urges people who are ill or exhibiting measles-like symptoms to stay at home unless they are seeking medical care. **Before visiting a healthcare provider, call ahead and let the provider know of the measles exposure so that the measures can be taken to protect other patients and staff.**

This outbreak continues to be investigated and KDHE and county health departments are working to identify contacts. The average number of days between when a person is exposed to measles, and when they first start showing symptoms is approximately 10 to 14 days (range of 7 to 21 days). Secondary cases are now appearing outside of the daycare. There is concern that some individuals in the general population may have potentially been exposed to persons with measles while they were infectious.

Measles is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. Measles is spread through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing. Measles can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash appears. **Measles cannot be spread to others by people who do not have the disease.**

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The best way to prevent measles is to get the MMR vaccine. Currently, KDHE is not recommending any changes to the routine vaccination schedule. If you have had measles or have been vaccinated, your risk of contracting the disease is extremely low.

Because measles is a highly infectious disease, it is very important, if a person has been exposed and is starting to experience symptoms, that they **STAY HOME** except to see a healthcare provider and limit their contact with people

For questions call the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment at 913-477-8343, Linn County Health Department at 913-795-7302, or the KDHE Epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317.

For more information about measles, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/features/Measles/index.html>.

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