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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

DuPage County Health Department Confirms Case of Measles

DuPage County - The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) has confirmed a case of measles in a DuPage County resident, the first case identified in DuPage County since 2009. The case does not appear to be linked to new arrival shelters in Chicago and the source of infection is unknown at this time.

The individual diagnosed with measles has received outpatient medical care, and DCHD is working diligently with public health partners to identify and notify individuals who may have been exposed to the virus. No exposure locations have been identified in DuPage County. Multiple exposure locations have been identified in Chicago from 4/2/2024-4/10/2024. To find measles exposure locations in Chicago, visit chicago.gov/measles.

Individuals who are not vaccinated against measles, or who are not sure about their vaccination status, and were at any of the locations on the dates and times listed, may have been exposed to measles and should visit chicago.gov/measles for further guidance.

Those who have been vaccinated against measles are likely protected and should monitor for symptoms for 21 days. They should call their healthcare provider if symptoms develop during that time.

Measles is a serious respiratory infection that causes a rash and high fever and is capable of leading to pneumonia and other complications. Measles symptoms typically include fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, and a characteristic rash that starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body.

"With an increasing number of measles cases being identified, being up to date with measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccinations is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones," stated Adam Forker, Executive Director, DuPage County Health Department. "Measles is highly contagious but thankfully, the MMR vaccine is effective at preventing measles and remains by far the best protection against measles for people of all ages."

DCHD urges residents to ensure they are up to date with their MMR vaccine. Residents are encouraged to review their immunization records or contact their healthcare provider to make sure they are up to date on the MMR vaccine. Measles information for healthcare providers is posted on the [DCHD website](#).

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For more information about measles and vaccination recommendations, residents can visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.

Additional Illinois measles case information is posted on the Illinois Department of Public Health [website](#).

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