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Measles Exposure in Spokane County

SRHD Encourages Everyone to Check Measles Vaccination Status

Spokane, Wash. – Local public health officials have confirmed a measles infection in a Kootenai County resident with exposure risk in Spokane County.

Most people have immunity to the measles through vaccination, so the risk to the general public is low. However, with confirmation of measles virus here, [Spokane Regional Health District](https://srhd.org) (SRHD) is advising individuals to check their children's and their own vaccination status and [verify](#) that they are up-to-date with the measles mumps rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Before receiving the measles diagnosis, the individual was in the following public locations. Anyone who was at the following locations during the times listed was possibly exposed to measles:

- Tuesday, Aug. 12, 11:14 a.m.-5:27 p.m., Providence Sacred Heart Pediatric and Adult Emergency Departments
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 6:02 p.m.-12:54 a.m., Providence Sacred Heart Pediatric and Adult Emergency Departments
- Friday, Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.-8:27 p.m., Providence Sacred Heart Pediatric Oncology & Hematology Specialty Clinic

If an individual is experiencing symptoms of measles (high fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, rash) and believes they may have been exposed, they should contact their health care provider.

More information about measles: <https://srhd.org/health-topics/diseases-conditions/measles>.

"Measures can be taken to prevent this disease," said Dr. Francisco Velázquez, SRHD health officer.

"Measles is a serious contagious disease, and the message is absolutely critical that if you or your child is not vaccinated, you need to get vaccinated."

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Adults should receive at least one dose of measles vaccine, unless they were previously immunized, were born prior to 1957, were previously diagnosed with measles by a doctor, or have other medical contraindications for the vaccine. Adults who are unsure whether they received the vaccine can still get one, since there is no harm in getting it a second time. Pregnant women should wait until after giving birth to get the vaccine.

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