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Possible Measles Exposure in Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County Public Health department was made aware of a possible measles exposure in our County when a person attended the 5th annual Central Valley Senior Showcase on March 21, 2019 at Turlock High School. This individual was infectious for measles at the time of attendance. People who attended the game and who are not immune to measles may be at risk of developing measles and should watch for symptoms of the illness. Common symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a rash, which can appear 7 to 21 days after the exposure.

If you develop these symptoms, call your doctor right away. **Please make sure to call ahead to any medical facility before going there and tell the health care professional that assists in setting up the appointment, that you may have been exposed to measles in order to ensure that the facility can take measures to protect other patients and visitors.**

“Measles is a potentially serious disease, especially in those who are very young. If you or a family member are not immune to measles and you think you were exposed to measles, watch closely for fever, cough, red eyes, runny nose and a rash that starts on the face. Call your doctor right away if you develop any of these symptoms,” said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Health Officer.

Two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best protection against contracting the measles virus. Measles immunizations are available at your healthcare provider or local pharmacy. Stanislaus County has MMR vaccines for people who are uninsured. If you would like to be vaccinated and are uninsured, please call 209-558-7000.

For more information about measles, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/> or <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/measles.aspx> or

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