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U.S. Multi-state Measles Outbreak, 2014-2015

From January 1 to February 27, 2015, 170 people from 17 states and Washington DC were reported to have measles*. Most of these cases are part of a large, ongoing outbreak linked to an amusement park in California. On 01/23/2015, CDC issued a Health Advisory to notify public health departments and healthcare facilities about this multi-state outbreak and to provide guidance for healthcare providers nationwide. Currently, two confirmed cases of measles have been reported to the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). At this time, there is no identified connection to the ongoing measles outbreak associated with Disneyland in California and no known contact with ill individuals.

At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Passaic County.

The United States experienced a record number of measles cases during 2014, with 644 cases from 27 states reported to CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). This is the greatest number of cases since measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

As of 02/26/2015, NJ has 2 confirmed measles cases:

On 02/10/2015, NJ reported 1 confirmed case of measles in a Hudson County resident. This case has now recovered and no additional cases associated with this Hudson County case have been reported.

As of 02/23/2015, NJ reported 1 confirmed case of measles in a Princeton University student. The student has recovered and is no longer contagious. Contacts of this potential case would be expected to develop symptoms through 03/02/2015. The NJDOH, local health officials, Princeton University and Princeton University Health Services (UHS), are working together to notify close contacts, assess immunization status, and instituting other public health measures, as appropriate. More information may be found on the Princeton University website.

NJDOH continues to urge providers to remain vigilant for cases of measles (consider measles in persons who present with fever and rash) and would like to remind all NJ residents, health care, and public health professionals about the importance of receiving up-to-date immunizations, especially prior to international travel.

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For more information on outbreaks, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>