

**Grant County Health District – Always Working for a Healthier and Safer Grant County**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**TO:** Emergency Rooms in Grant County  
Walk-in Clinics in Grant County  
Healthcare Provider Offices in Grant County  
Healthcare Emergencies Alliance

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**– GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT –  
9 Cases of Measles (4 Cases Lab Confirmed)  
Student Attends Moses Lake Christian Academy**

**Healthcare Guidelines for MEASLES (RUBEOLA) PREVENTION AND CONTROL  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES**

**PLEASE CIRCULATE WIDELY TO ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN  
YOUR FACILITY OR PRACTICE, AS APPROPRIATE.**

On May 2, Grant County Public Health District received confirmation of a **9<sup>th</sup> measles case, 4 cases have been laboratory confirmed**. There is a high probability of additional cases involving additional schools. The 9<sup>th</sup> case attends Moses Lake Christian Academy. **Preschool and Elementary students were last exposed on April 29 and secondary were last exposed on April 25.**

Because of exposure(s) at school, public health staff are working with the school to identify students and staff who need to update their immunizations. All formal and informal school activities have been canceled until further notice from public health and school officials.

**Current Public Health Directive for Moses Lake Christian Academy**

- If the child **has not received any** measles vaccine (MMR) he/she will not be allowed to participate in school or other group activities until:
  - **Preschool and Elementary students will be excluded until at least May 20.**
  - **Secondary students will be excluded until at least May 16.**
- If the child **has received ONE DOSE** of the measles vaccine (MMR) and it has been more than 4 weeks since receiving the vaccine he/she **will not be allowed to participate** in school or other group activities until he/she receives a **second dose**.
- If the parent/guardian would like to have their child tested for immunity, a titer, he/she will be excluded until those results are reviewed by health district staff. This testing must be done through your healthcare provider.

Please find attached *Healthcare Guidelines for Measles (Rubeola) Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Providers and Facilities*.

**Call our Ephrata Health District Office, which will be staffed  
today at 509-754-6060 for MMR vaccination clinic opportunities.**

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