

April 8, 2008 – THIS IS A HIGH LEVEL ALERT! Possibility for measles exposure at SeaTac Airport on March 26th

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The Seattle Quarantine Station (DGMQ) was contacted by The Realm Institute for Public Health and Environment [RIVM] (Netherlands Health Department) with a report of a confirmed measles case in a passenger who flew from Amsterdam to Seattle (aboard Northwest Airlines Flight #0033) and then from Seattle to Portland (aboard Alaska/Horizon Airlines Flight #2243) on 26 MAR 2008. Estimated arrival time was 3:25 pm. The flight to Portland departed at 5 pm. Flight #0033 arrived at the S (South Satellite) concourse and flight #2243 departed from gate 2J in the C concourse. The passenger with measles sat in the first six rows of flight #0033 (first/business class). The individual later flew from Portland, OR to Amsterdam on 29 MAR 2008 on Northwest Airlines Flight #0092, also in first/business class. Seat assignment information for Alaska/Horizon flight #2243 is not yet available. The passenger had not been vaccinated. On 28 MAR 2008 she developed a rash. The passenger had blood test (in the Netherlands) the week of 31 March. The results came back on 4 APRIL as IgM+. Measles exposure could have occurred on the S and C concourses at SeaTac or on the train from the S concourse on March 26<sup>th</sup> between 3:25 pm and 7:00 pm.

Information on five Washington residents who sat in the same row or rows in front and behind the passenger with measles were sent by fax 7 April 2008 to three local health jurisdictions in WA for follow-up. However, measles prodrome symptoms or rash illness in any person on that flight or in a person present in the Alaska and Horizon concourse between 3:25 pm and 7:00 pm on March 26<sup>th</sup> should be considered as possible measles.

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