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Oklahoma City-County Health Department Offers MMR Vaccines

In light of the recent diagnosis of a measles case in Stillwater located in Payne County, the Oklahoma City-County Health Department urges the public to check their family vaccine records to make sure everyone is up-to-date.

OCCHD Epidemiologists are working with Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport and the Oklahoma State Department of Health regarding information the patient was a passenger on a United Airlines Flight from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport on Thursday, March 12th which arrived at WRWA at 9:30 pm and was in the United baggage claim area.

The process of contacting passengers on that flight is underway. Will Rogers World Airport is also reaching out to all employees who were working at the time of the possible exposure. OCCHD's Clinical Services will be offering a limited supply of no cost MMR prophylaxis to the public at the NE 23rd & Kelley clinic on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. OCCHD clinicians also will give free prophylaxis to impacted WRWA employees at the airport this Sunday at 7:30-9:00 p.m. The incubation period for measles is seven to eighteen days.

Measles can be prevented by the combination MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. Toddlers can receive MMR as soon as they reach their first birthday.

Public health officials recommend all children receive two doses of MMR vaccine, with the first dose at 12 to 15 months of age, and a booster at 4 to 6 years of age.

Oklahoma state law requires measles vaccine for all children attending childcare and school in Oklahoma. Adults born in 1957 or later who have not already been vaccinated should get at least two doses of MMR vaccine.

MMR vaccine is available by grant, private pay, or VFC at OCCHD Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m to 4pm or Friday 8:00 am to noon. Clients wishing to receive the vaccine can go to our South clinic at 2149 SW 59th (at Pennsylvania) OKC. 73119 or the Northeast Clinic at 921 NE 23rd Street in OKC. 73105. <https://www.occhd.org/health/immunizations>

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According to the CDC, “The measles vaccine is very effective. One dose of measles vaccine is about 93% effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus and two doses are about 97% effective.” <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/vaccination.html>

Measles typically begins with

- high fever,
- cough,
- runny nose
- red, watery eyes

Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots may appear inside the mouth.

Questions about measles or exposure? Call 405-425-4495

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