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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES FIRST MEASLES CASE IN A YOUNG CHILD

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) officials remind residents that the measles outbreak still continues in Butte County. BCPH has confirmed one additional cases of measles in a young child, bringing the total cases in Butte County to 5. The child is past the infectious period and is recovering from the illness. This case is linked to the original measles cluster announced on March 24th.

Measles public exposure locations in Chico have been identified for this case:

- Safeway, 720 Mangrove Ave., on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 12:10-1:20 pm
- Chico Children's Center, Northern Valley Indian Health, 1515 Springfield Dr., on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 2:15-3:45 pm

If you were present at any of these locations during the indicated time-frame and believe you may have been exposed, especially if you are ill with a fever, rash, cough, runny nose or red watery eyes, you can call (530) 552-3929 to speak with Public Health staff.

Everyone can help prevent the spread of measles by checking their vaccination status, getting vaccinated if needed, monitoring themselves and their families for symptoms, and cooperating with public health professionals if you are contacted about your or your family's vaccination history and whereabouts. If you think you have symptoms of measles - **Immediately call your doctor** and let him or her know about your symptoms you are having. DO NOT go to a clinic, hospital or physician's office before calling their facility and do not go into public places to prevent spreading the disease to others. Your doctor can:

- Determine if you are immune to measles based on your vaccination record or if you had measles in the past, and
- Make special arrangements to evaluate you, if needed, without putting other patients and medical office staff at risk.

For general questions about measles, the public may call Butte 2-1-1, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm by calling 2-1-1, (or by calling the toll free number 1-866-916-3566). Residents can also text BUTTEMEASLES to 898211 to receive public health information.

For information about measles in Butte County, visit: www.buttecounty.net/ph/measles

Residents may view a complete list of previously published exposure locations in Butte County: tinyurl.com/ButteMeaslesExposureList01. Anyone who was present at these locations during the indicated date and time may have been exposed to measles.

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