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MEASLES CASES INCREASE IN BUTTE COUNTY ***The Butte County Health Department asks residents to help protect themselves and our community from measles***

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) officials remind residents that the measles outbreak still continues in Butte County. BCPH has confirmed two additional cases of measles in adults, bringing the total cases in Butte County to four. These cases are linked to the original measles cluster announced on March 24th.

Public Health staff will contact people who they believe were exposed to the infected individuals. If you are contacted by Public Health or if you seek medical care because you are experiencing symptoms of measles, it is important that residents be truthful about their vaccination status. This will help to prevent spreading the infection to others.

Anyone who visited the following locations in Chico and Oroville may have been exposed to measles:

- **Chico (Downtown Area):** Monday, March 18, 2019, including: Jamba Juice 10:30-11:45 am, Campus Cycles 11:20 am-12:50 pm, North Rim Adventure Sports 12:00-1:30 pm, Little Red Hen 12:45-2:15 pm, and La Hacienda Restaurant 1:20-3:20 pm.
- **Chico:** The Boba Stop, 226 W. 2nd St., on March 24, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 pm.
- **Chico:** Aca Taco, 1000 W. Sacramento Ave., on March 24, 2019 from 5:40-6:40 pm.
- **Chico:** B-Line Bus, #3 Bus from Nord Ave & W. Sacramento to Transit Center, on March 25, 2019 from 7:34 am to 8:34 am.
- **Chico:** Enloe Prompt Care at California Park, 888 Lakeside Village Commons, on March 25, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm.
- **Oroville:** Sierra Avenue Elementary School, After School Program, 1050 Sierra Ave., on Tuesday, March 19, 2018 from 2:30-7:00 pm.
- **Oroville:** Ampla Health, 2800 Lincoln St., on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 10:45 am-12:45 pm.
- **Oroville:** Purple Line Urban Winery, 760 Safford St., on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- **Oroville:** The Lodge at Feather Falls Casino, 3 Alverda Dr., on March 26, 2019 from 5:15-7:15 pm.

Please note: If future public notification is needed for additional public exposure locations, they will be listed on the Public Health website. A link will be provided on future media announcements.

These exposure location times reflect the period that the infected individuals were in these areas plus a one-hour period after they left the areas, because the virus remains alive in the air for up to one hour. If you were present at these locations during these dates and believe you may have

been exposed, especially if you are in any of the following high-risk groups, you can call (530) 552-3929 to speak with Public Health staff.

- Pregnant
- Children under 12 months of age
- People with weakened immune systems (when your body can't fight disease)
- People who have not been vaccinated

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.

If you have not been at the identified public exposure locations during the indicated timeframe, you do not need to call BCPH. If you have previously received the measles vaccination, you do not need to call BCPH. Residents can verify their vaccination status by referring to their yellow vaccination card or a printed vaccination record obtained from their primary care provider. If your provider participates in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), you can request your records online at: <http://cairweb.org/docs/CAIR2AuthorizationToRelease.pdf>. BCPH is not able to verify your vaccination status unless you received your vaccination at the public health clinic.

The best way to protect yourself and the community is to receive two doses of the measles vaccination. High community vaccination rates help protect people who cannot get vaccinated because they are too young or have specific health conditions.

Prevent the spread of measles:

Anyone who is not vaccinated against measles is at risk of getting infected. The Health Department is actively working to contain the further spread of measles. As a result, if you are ill with a fever, rash, or conjunctivitis (red watery eyes) – help protect our community by staying home, not having visitors, and not going out in public.

To further prevent the spread of illness:

- If you don't think you ever had been vaccinated for measles (with MMR vaccine or MMRV vaccine), contact your healthcare provider for vaccination. Another option is to have a doctor test your blood to determine whether you're immune, but this option is likely to cost more and will take two doctor's visits. There is no harm in getting another dose of MMR vaccine if you may already be immune to measles (or mumps or rubella).
- If you think you have been exposed to measles, call your healthcare provider for advice.
- 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 more information about measles in Butte County, visit: www.buttecounty.net/ph/measles

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