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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES TWO CONFIRMED MEASLES CASES IN BUTTE COUNTY, URGES RESIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF SYMPTOMS

**(Oroville, CA)** – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is investigating two confirmed cases of measles in adults without documentation history of vaccination. Both adults are past their infectious period and can no longer spread the illness to others. Health Department disease investigators are working with Enloe Medical Center and local healthcare providers to identify individuals who might have had contact with the infected people while they were contagious. BCPH urges residents to be aware of measles symptoms and to take precautions to help stop the spread of measles.

The two cases in Butte County are linked to the case in Shasta County and are considered to be part of a cluster. Butte County is working closely with Shasta County and the State Health Department.

The following location has been identified as a possible location for public exposure:

- The Esplanade House, 181 E Shasta Ave., in Chico during the period from March 15 through March 19, 2019
- If you were at this location during this timeframe, you can call (530) 353-5564 to speak with Public Health officials today (Sunday March 24) until 5 pm and M-F from 8 am to 5 pm.
- The public contact and exposure investigation is still active. Additional exposure locations may be identified and announced in the future.

Measles is a highly contagious, viral disease that is spread through the air when a person sick with the disease coughs or sneezes. Symptoms begin with fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes. These symptoms are followed by a rash that typically appears on the face along the hairline or behind the ears and spreads to the rest of the body. An individual is infectious from four days before the rash starts through four days after the rash appears.

Complications of measles can include diarrhea, ear infections and pneumonia. Severe complications can be fatal. **Infants, pregnant women and people with a weakened immune system are more at risk for complications from measles.**

**Prevent the spread of measles:**

The best protection against measles is the MMR vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, and rubella viruses. Two doses of MMR vaccine are recommended for immunity to measles. The first dose of MMR vaccine is given at 12 to 15 months of age. The second dose of MMR vaccine is usually given at four to six years of age. Anyone traveling internationally outside the United States should ensure they have received full measles vaccination. Two doses of MMR vaccine are approximately 97 percent effective at preventing measles infection. MMR vaccine can be obtained through your regular medical provider or local clinic.

- If you don't think you ever had MMR vaccine or MMRV vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella/chickenpox), contact your healthcare provider for immunizations or a blood test as soon as possible.
- If you think you have been exposed to measles, call your healthcare provider for advice.
- If you think you have symptoms of measles or have been exposed to someone with measles, call your doctor's office right away. **DO NOT** go out in public, to a clinic, hospital or physician's office before calling their facility to prevent spreading the disease to others.

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