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***HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES MEASLES OUTBREAK
HAS SUCCESSFULLY ENDED***

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is pleased to announce that the recent measles outbreak in Butte County, which started on March 24, 2019, has successfully ended. Between March 24th and May 31st a total of 13 measles cases have been confirmed in Butte County. A measles outbreak is considered contained after two incubation periods have passed since the last case. The incubation period for measles is 7-21 days and is the time-period when someone exposed to measles may develop symptoms.

In addition to the meticulous investigative work by BCPH's outbreak investigation team, containing this outbreak took a community wide effort. The Health Department would like to extend thanks to local hospitals and healthcare providers, local businesses, community leaders, residents who were ill with measles, and residents who had contact to persons with measles for their cooperation and collaboration.

Continued vigilance, including ensuring your vaccination status and calling your healthcare provider before seeking care if you have symptoms of measles, is important to prevent additional measles cases. Symptoms of measles include: fever, rash, cough, runny nose or red watery eyes.

BCPH reminds the community that measles outbreaks are occurring throughout California and in many parts of the United States, with active transmission occurring in high rates in many parts of the world. Butte County's high vaccination rate helped in minimizing transmission during this outbreak. Anyone who is not vaccinated, or is unsure of their vaccination status, is urged to receive an MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine to ensure they are protected. Anyone traveling internationally over the summer, should be sure they are up to date on the MMR vaccine before traveling.

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

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