

May 22, 2025 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Measles Case Confirmed in Anchorage

Anchorage, AK – The Anchorage Health Department (AHD) was notified that a resident of the Municipality of Anchorage tested positive for measles on May 21, 2025. The individual is a minor who has not been vaccinated against measles.

This investigation is ongoing and health officials believe there is a potential for wider community exposure, putting non-immune persons at risk for infection. People who have not had measles infection or have not received measles immunization previously are not protected from the measles virus and should talk with a health care provider about receiving measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization. Individuals – especially parents, guardians, health care providers, and caregivers – are urged to be aware of the symptoms of this highly contagious virus and to ensure they are up to date with the MMR vaccine.

Locations of Potential Exposure to the Public

Anyone who was at the following locations during the times listed could have been exposed to measles, and if not immune, could develop symptoms between May 17, 2025 - June 2, 2025.

Location	Date and Time
O'Malley Sports Center/Fly Trampoline Park 11050 O'Malley Centre Dr, Anchorage, AK 99515	May 10, 2025 - approximately 2pm-6pm
Target 150 W. 100 th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99515	May 11, 2025 - approximately 4pm-8pm
YMCA 5353 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99507	May 12, 2025 - approximately 6am-9am

Anyone who was present at any of the locations listed above should:

- Verify your/your child's vaccination history via <u>Docket</u> or with your health care provider.
- If you/your child are not up to date on the MMR vaccine you should:
 - Stay away from hospitals, nursing homes, known immunocompromised individuals, and large gatherings between May 17, 2025 – June 2, 2025.
 - o Monitor for fever illness and rash during the date ranges indicated above.
 - Immediately contact a health care provider and stay away from other people if you/your child becomes sick with a fever during this time; keep your child at home

- until the doctor and school or childcare staff have cleared him/her to return to usual out-of-home activities.
- If you have any questions, call the Anchorage Health Department at 907-903-9783 or the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology at 907-269-8000.

Symptoms of Measles

Symptoms can appear 7-21 days (typically 10-14 days) after exposure. Symptoms include:

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash (usually begins on the face and spreads downward to the chest and back, then to the thighs and feet; typically starts 2-4 days after onset of the above symptoms)

Individuals who develop symptoms of measles should contact a health care provider by phone **before** going to a medical office or emergency department. Special arrangements can be made for your evaluation while also protecting other patients and medical staff from possible infection.

Vaccinations

The MMR vaccine series consists of two doses of vaccine which are available at primary care centers, pharmacies, and AHD. People interested in getting vaccinated at AHD can call 907-343-4799 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are accommodated when possible. The MMR vaccine is very safe and effective at preventing measles.

AHD will continue to monitor the situation, update the public regularly via its social media accounts and <u>website</u>, and work with its partners at the State of Alaska Department of Health. For more information about measles, please visit the <u>CDC Measles Page</u> and the <u>Alaska Section of Epidemiology website</u>.

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