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Shelby County Measles Outbreak Update (As of May 16, 2016)

2016 Shelby County Measles Outbreak

First Exposure Date	4/5/2016
Total Number of Confirmed Cases	7
Total Number Quarantined/Monitored	36
Total Number of Exposed	934 [686 non-healthcare; 248 healthcare]
Total Number of Public Locations	67
Fatalities	0
Vaccines Given at SCHD Public Health Clinics	225
Vaccines Given at Point of Dispensing Event	160
Incubation Period*	21 days

**If no other confirmed cases, the Shelby County Measles Outbreak will be declared over June 20, 2016.*

What is Measles?

Measles is a serious respiratory disease (in the lungs and breathing tubes) that causes conjunctivitis, cough, fever, rash and red eyes. It is very contagious. In rare cases, it can be deadly.

What are Symptoms of Measles?

Measles starts with a fever that can get very high. Some of the other symptoms that may occur are:

- Cough, runny nose, and red eyes
- Rash of tiny, red spots that start at the head and spread to the rest of the body
- Diarrhea
- Ear infection

How Does Measles Spread?

Measles spreads when a person infected with the measles virus breathes, coughs or sneezes. It is very contagious. You can catch measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been, up to two hours after that person is gone. And you can catch measles from an infected person even before they have a measles rash. Almost everyone who has not had the MMR shot will get measles if they are exposed to the measles virus.

For additional information, go to www.schdresponse.com and follow the Shelby County Health Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShelbyTNHealth.

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