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MEASLES OUTBREAK DECLARED OVER

MEMPHIS – As of June 20, the measles outbreak in Shelby County has officially ended with no new confirmed cases in the last two consecutive incubation periods, 42 days.

“I am pleased with the coordinated effort of the Shelby County Health Department and the many community partners, including the Tennessee Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who spent countless hours over the last two months protecting everyone and helping to keep citizens safe,” said Shelby County Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Measles is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable viral infection that starts with a high fever, runny nose, cough and red eyes, followed a few days later by a rash that starts on the head and gradually moves down the body. The rash illness lasts about a week. It is usually a relatively mild illness but can result in complications, including pneumonia or inflammation of the brain, that require hospitalization.

The table below provides a breakdown of the 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

“One of the roles of public health is to prevent the spread of diseases such as measles,” said Alisa Haushalter, DNP, RN, director of the Shelby County Health Department. “We continue to urge residents in Shelby County to know their immune status and ensure their entire family, especially young children, have received all of the recommended vaccines.”

For more information about vaccinations, contact the Shelby County Health Department at (901) 222-9000 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShelbyTNHealth.

Mission

To promote, protect and improve the health and environment of all Shelby County residents.

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