

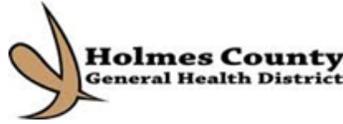


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## Media Advisory

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### **Additional Clinics Planned to Halt Spread of Measles**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Knox County Health Department, Holmes County General Health District and the Ashland County-City Health Department, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), continue to investigate several suspected cases of measles in the Knox County area.

All agencies are taking a proactive approach in encouraging residents to get vaccinated with the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Several clinics will be held during the next couple of days for people to get their vaccine.

Holmes County General Health District will offer a free vaccination clinic for the public on Friday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Holmesville Church of Christ, 204 W. Main Street, Holmesville, Ohio.

The Knox County Health Department will open a free clinic on Friday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Community Center, 7 W. Rambo St., Danville, Ohio.

Ashland County-City Health Department has their next scheduled Walk-In Clinic Monday, April 28, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 1763 State Route 60.

Measles is an acute, highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus that is easily spread. Symptoms of the measles usually appear in 7-21 days after exposure. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye and a rash. The disease is highly contagious and can be transmitted from four days prior to the onset of the rash to four days after the onset. Anyone who is not immunized and gets exposed to the disease has a high likelihood of getting ill.

ODH and its local public health partners support the vaccine recommendations set forth by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC. These recommendations include vaccination schedules for when individuals (children and adults) should receive their vaccinations.

For more information about measles, visit the ODH website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/>.

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