PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Measles

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Columbus Public Health &
Franklin County Public Health

A measles outbreak primarily among unvaccinated children in Minnesota is currently under investigation. 58 of 68 cases are among the Somali community in Minnesota. Because of close connections between the Somali communities in Minnesota and Ohio, Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health are conducting enhanced outreach to the Somali community to encourage protection with Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Healthcare providers and public health partners should familiarize themselves with signs and symptoms of measles and consider measles as a possible etiology of febrile rash illness, especially among patients not vaccinated with MMR.

Contact Franklin County & Columbus Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) immediately via phone at 614-525-8888 to report suspected cases of measles and facilitate submission of specimens for testing.

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https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html
https://www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/index.html
https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/signs-symptoms.html
https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/photos.html

Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS)
http://idrsinfo.org