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Durham County Department of Public Health Informing Residents of Possible Measles Exposure on Monday, June 10, 2019

DURHAM, N.C. – Out of an abundance of caution, the Durham County Department of Public Health is informing the public of a **possible** case of measles because there may have been exposures in the community. Additional testing is being conducted for measles; North Carolina has no confirmed measles cases at this time.

The possible case may have been infectious while at the following place on Monday, June 10, 2019:

- Bean Traders at 105 W NC 54 Hwy, Durham from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Measles is a highly contagious illness. It is spread through coughing, sneezing and contact with secretions from the nose, mouth and throat of an infected person.

Measles symptoms usually appear in two stages. In the first stage, most people have a fever of greater than 101 degrees, runny nose, watery, red eyes and a cough. The second stage begins around the third to seventh day when a rash begins to appear on the face and spreads over the entire body.

What should you do if you believe you or your children may have been exposed?

- If you have NOT been vaccinated against measles OR are immunocompromised OR pregnant AND were at this location during the time frames listed above, please call the Durham County Department of Public Health **today** at 919-560-HELP.
- Based on the date of exposure, you should observe for any of the symptoms up through July 1, 2019.
- If you develop fever, runny nose, watery red eyes and a cough, please stay at home and do not expose others. If within three to seven days you develop a rash or you develop any severe symptoms, please call your primary health care provider immediately to discuss further care. It is very important that you call prior to going to the office or to an emergency room so that you do not expose others.

Measles is preventable through safe and effective measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Two doses are recommended for most individuals, with the first dose given at age 12-15 months and the second prior to kindergarten entry (age 4-6 years). One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% effective against measles, and two doses of MMR vaccine are 97% effective.

There is no ongoing risk for the public who have visited or want to visit Bean Traders outside of this time period.

For more on measles, go to <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/rubeola.html>. For additional questions, dial 919-560-HELP. ###

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