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Dear Network Providers and Families:

As you may be aware, there is currently an outbreak of measles in southeast Michigan. As of April 8, 2019, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed 39 total measles cases in the state, with one of those occurring in Wayne County. It is recommended that all individuals be vaccinated to protect against the measles virus per the CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommendations.

Symptoms of measles generally include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Red, watery eyes
- Runny nose
- Rash that starts on the face and spreads to the body (3-5 days after first symptoms)
- Koplik spots (tiny white spots in the mouth, 3-5 days after first symptoms)

Clinicians need to report all suspected rash illnesses consistent with measles, in children or adults, to their local city and county health department. For after hours and weekends, call the MDHHS Communicable Disease Division at 517-335-9030. Appropriate airborne precautions should be made for any individual with suspected measles so that it is not spread to others. Oakland county officials have asked that suspected cases not be sent to the Emergency Departments or doctor's offices without calling ahead to allow for preparation for the patient.

To find your local health department, visit Malph.org/resources/directory. Your local health department will have detailed information about when and where immunizations are available.

More information can be found at the following websites:

MDHHS: Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak

CDC Measles: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/>

Sincerely in health,

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