



***** MEASLES ALERT*****

December 22, 2019

Dear Colleagues:

A person residing in Travis County has been diagnosed with measles (rubeola). The person experienced onset of fever during the weekend of December 14th/15th and onset of rash on December 17th. The person took a flight out of Austin Bergstrom International Airport on the afternoon of December 17th to Chicago, Illinois with a connecting flight to Richmond, Virginia.

While this person was infectious they visited a number of locations to purchase food items or medications. These locations with estimated times/dates include:

December 14 (evening):

- Chipotle Mexican Grill, 6301 W Parmer Lane

December 14 - 16:

- HEB, 6001 W Parmer Lane

December 15:

- Saam Thai, 6301 W Parmer Lane

December 15 - 16

- Mandola's Italian, 4700 W Guadalupe Street

December 16 (2pm – 4pm):

- Target, 10107 Research Boulevard
- Marco's Pizza, 11011 Research Boulevard

December 17 (Noon – 4pm):

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, 3600 Presidential Boulevard
 - United Airlines, gate area

While the risk of transmission at these locations is low, measles should be higher on your differential diagnosis if your patient has visited these locations during December 14th through December 17th. We will provide further updates when and if there are further clarifications on the timeline of potential exposure.





While those in our community who have received two MMR vaccinations will be as protected as possible, others who have only one or no vaccine for measles will be at increased risk for transmission. Please consider measles in your differential diagnosis for persons presenting with:

- Fever which may be as high as 103-105°F
- Cough
- Coryza
- Conjunctivitis
- Koplik spots on the buccal mucosa may aid in diagnosis, particularly during the prodromal period prior to rash development
- Maculopapular rash that spreads from the head down to the rest of the body

Please review the following CDC video regarding measles and share with clinical staff:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HFeQEciDVY&feature=youtu.be>

Measles (**suspected or confirmed**) is required to be reported immediately to Austin Public Health at 512-972-5555. It is preferred that contact be made while the patient is present in the clinical setting in order to facilitate testing and initiate the public health investigation, including follow-up of potential exposures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark E. Escott, MD MPH FACEP FAEMS NRP'.

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