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To: Camp Health Care Teams and Administrators

From: Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Infectious Disease

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Re: Measles in Summer Youth Camps

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With the arrival of the summer season in Maine, we realize that Maine Youth Camps are currently preparing to welcome youth and adults from around the US and world as campers and staff. We are writing to bring to your attention to an increase in reports of measles around the US and particularly in several European countries. Based on the highly contagious nature of measles, it is important that all camp health care teams and administrators take appropriate action to prepare for possible measles illness among campers and staff, including establishing methods to monitor for febrile rash-like illness.

Measles is defined as:

- Fever of 101° F or greater, and
- Rash, beginning at hairline, moving to face and upper neck and proceeding down the body
- Cough, runny nose and pink eye

Persons identified with measles should be isolated from other campers and staff. We suggest you work with your local health care providers to facilitate laboratory specimen collection and transportation, and request specimens be submitted to Maine's Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (for more information: [http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/etl/micro/measles\\_lsis.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/etl/micro/measles_lsis.pdf) )

Camp administration should maintain accurate vaccination records on all campers and staff. We suggest designating a staff member to maintain all camp immunization records.

Maine CDC requires the report of any suspect measles case and any sudden increase of illness among campers or staff by

- Phone (1-800-821-5821)
- Fax (207-287-8186), or
- Email ([disease.reporting@maine.gov](mailto:disease.reporting@maine.gov), with no patient identifiers)

Maine CDC staff is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week through the Disease Reporting and Consultation Line 1-800-821-5821. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.