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## JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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#### Final Lab Result Negative for Measles Case Exposure Risk in Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties Eliminated

Oct. 24, 2017, Howell, Mich. – The Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw County health departments announced today that lab test results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have come back negative for the measles case announced on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> in a Livingston County resident. Those who visited the locations previously released are no longer considered at risk for measles.

“Thankfully the risk of measles has been eliminated and all counties are grateful for the cooperation of the impacted businesses and organizations,” said Dianne McCormick, health officer for Livingston County Health Department. “Out of an abundance of caution, the local health departments issued a timely precaution based on available information and our responsibility to protect public health. It is now known that no exposure to measles occurred.”

Initial lab results from both Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and a commercial lab were positive, and the individual had symptoms consistent with measles. A third more specific lab test was conducted at the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia and resulted in the negative measles diagnosis.

Health officials in all three counties continue to advise local residents to recognize the importance of measles vaccination, particularly as measles cases increase throughout the United States.

The local health departments jointly recommend:

- To review your vaccination history with your health care provider.
- Get vaccinated if you have not already had measles or two MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccinations.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease that can spread rapidly. If exposed, people who have not been vaccinated or who have not previously had measles are likely to develop the disease. Measles is spread through the air by sneezing and coughing or by person to person direct contact. The virus can live for up to two hours on a surface or in the air where the infected person coughed or sneezed and can be transmitted four days before and four days after a rash appears. Vaccination may also be recommended within 72 hours of a possible measles exposure.

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Symptoms usually begin 10-12 days after exposure and may include:

- Fever, feeling ill and loss of appetite (Two to four days before appearance of rash)
- Tiny white spots on the inner cheeks, gums, and roof of the mouth surrounded by redness (One to two days before the appearance of rash)
- A rash that is red, raised and blotchy which usually starts on the face then spreads to the trunk, arms, and legs
- Sneezing or runny nose
- Watery or red eyes
- Hard, dry cough

MMR vaccine is available through health providers, many pharmacies and local health departments:

### **Livingston County Health Department**

2300 E. Grand River Ave, Suite 102, Howell

Walk-in clinic: Wednesdays only; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Open until 7:00 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays monthly

Website: [www.livgov.com/health](http://www.livgov.com/health)

### **Oakland County Health Division**

North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac  
South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Hours: Monday, Noon-8:00 p.m; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Public Health Information Hotline: 1-800-848-5533

Website: [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health)

### **Washtenaw County Public Health**

555 Towner St, Ypsilanti

Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

To schedule an appointment: 734-544-6700. Early morning and evening appointments available.

Website: <http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org>

For more information about Measles: [www.cdc.gov/measles](http://www.cdc.gov/measles)

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