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### **Confirmed Measles Case in Butler County, Ohio**

HAMILTON – The Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) has confirmed a case of measles in a child under one year old residing in Butler County. This case acquired measles through international travel and returned to the United States through a Chicago-area airport and then returned to Ohio via car. BCGHD is not disclosing additional information about the affected individual.

While BCGHD is closed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, staff will be working on the holiday to notify close contacts of their exposure status. If you do not receive a call from BCGHD, it is safe to assume that you have not been exposed to measles.

Public Health officials recommend unvaccinated individuals 1 year and older receive a measles vaccination to protect themselves and those around them.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that is spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and rash. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The best way to protect yourself and your family against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases is by immunization. Children should receive their first dose of the measles vaccine between 12 and 15 months of age; another dose at 4-6 years of age. The measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine is generally first given at 12 months of age in the United States, but is sometimes recommended for children as young as 6 months of age who are traveling outside the United States or could be infected in an outbreak.

If you are uncertain about you or your child's vaccination status or are unvaccinated for measles, or think you may be experiencing symptoms of measles, call your health care provider. Call the Butler County General Health District at 513-863-1770 to ask questions and schedule a vaccination appointment for you and your family.

More information about measles is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website, [www.cdc.gov/measles](http://www.cdc.gov/measles).