



## FINNEY COUNTY

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**Sub: One case of Measles confirmed in a Finney County, KS resident**

Finney County Health Department (FCHD) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have confirmed a positive case of measles in a Finney County resident (adult 50+years). The individual recently traveled out-of-state and it is currently unknown if the case is linked to any ongoing measles outbreaks in the United States.

Measles is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. Measles is spread through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing. Measles can be spread from an infected person to others from four days before, to four days after the rash appears. Because measles is a highly infectious disease, it is very important for anyone exposed and experiencing symptoms to isolate from others with the exception of contacting a health care provider. Early symptoms of measles are a fever of more than 101 degrees Fahrenheit, runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. Usually, one to four days after these early symptoms, a red rash appears on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles symptoms typically develop 10-14 days after exposure. Symptoms can develop as soon as seven days and as long as 21 days after exposure.

**If you or someone you know has known exposure to someone with measles, please call your healthcare provider or FCHD at 620-272-3600. Drive-up testing is available at FCHD, 919 Zerr Rd, Garden City, KS.**

**The best way to prevent measles is to get the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Vaccines not only protect individual children from measles, but also contribute to community immunity, protecting those who are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons.** Since Finney County is currently in the identified outbreak region, KDHE recommends:

- **Special dose of MMR vaccine for infants 6-11 months of age, followed by the regular schedule of two doses.**
- **Early 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of MMR vaccine for children between 12 months to 4 years (at least 28 days after first dose)**
- **Please contact your healthcare provider or FCHD at 620-272-3600 if under-vaccinated (only one dose) or unvaccinated.**
- **If unsure of your vaccination status, please check status at: <https://myvaccinerecord.ks.gov> or call FCHD at 620-272-3600.**

For questions, call **Finney County Health Department at 620-272-3600**

For more information on the Kansas outbreak, please visit: [Measles Data | KDHE, KS](#)

For more information on Measles, please visit: [Clinical Overview of Measles | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)