



FINNEY COUNTY

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Sub: A Total of Four Measles Positives Identified among Finney County, KS Residents

As of April 17, 2025, the Finney County Health Department (FCHD) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have identified a total of four Finney County residents who have tested positive for measles—two children under the age of 13 and two adults over the age of 50. These cases are either linked to ongoing measles activity in Kansas or associated with recent out-of-state travel. FCHD continues to work closely with KDHE to provide testing, vaccination and public health guidance to reduce further spread and keep families safe.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus and spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. It can be transmitted from four days before to four days after the appearance of a rash. Early symptoms often include a high fever (over 101°F), runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. A red rash typically appears a few days later, starting on the face and spreading to the rest of the body. Symptoms usually develop 10 to 14 days after exposure but can appear as early as 7 days or as late as 21 days.

If you or someone you know has been **exposed** to a confirmed measles case **or is experiencing symptoms, please stay home and 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 protection** against measles is the **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine**. Vaccination not only protects individuals but also helps safeguard those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. Given the current outbreak in Finney County, KDHE recommends:

- **Special dose of MMR vaccine for infants 6-11 months** of age, followed by the routine two-dose schedule
- **Early 2nd dose of MMR vaccine for children between 12 months to 4 years** (given 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](#)