Public Health Advisory

Ottawa measles exposure

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Nunavut-wide

The Department of Health is warning Nunavummiut of an increased risk of measles exposure when travelling to Ottawa.

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is investigating two recent lab-confirmed cases of measles and have identified several potential exposure sites:

- Superstore at 190 Richmond Road, Ottawa.
    - October 18 between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
    - October 22 between 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
    - October 23 between 4:55 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- IKEA, 2685 Iris Street, Ottawa.
    - October 18 from 11:30 a.m. -1:45 p.m.
- Food Basics, 667 Kirkwood Ave, Ottawa.
    - October 18 from noon to 2:15 p.m.
- Shoppers Drug Mart, 1309 Carling Avenue, Ottawa.
    - October 22 between 5:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- My Medical Centers Clinic at 190 Richmond Road (in Superstore), Ottawa.
    - October 18 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
    - October 22 between 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
    - October 23 between 4:55 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- The Ottawa Hospital – Civic Campus Emergency Department.
    - October 20 between 6:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Apartment building at 465 Richmond Road, Ottawa.
    - September 29 through October 24 inclusive.
- Apartment building at 110 Boteler St, Ottawa.
    - October 18 through October 23 inclusive.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that can be prevented with vaccination. Measles can spread easily from an infected person to others who are not vaccinated, or who have never had measles before.

The first symptoms of measles can include fever, cough, runny nose and wet watery eyes. These first symptoms are followed by a rash that first develops on the face and then spreads to the rest of the body.

<u>If you were at one of the exposure sites during the listed time periods, please monitor for symptoms of measles. If you think you or a family member has measles symptoms, please call ahead before going to your local health centre or clinic.</u>

There are currently no confirmed cases of measles in Nunavut. However, cases are rising across the rest of Canada. As such, it is important to protect the most vulnerable members of our families and communities. By ensuring our measles vaccinations are up to date, we can do our part to keep Nunavut healthy and safe from the increasing threat of measles outbreaks.

To make sure your family's vaccinations are up to date, contact your local health centre or public health unit. Learn more about measles by reading the measles factsheet available on the Department of Health webpage or the Canadian Immunization Guide on the Government of Canada website.

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