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To: Healthcare Providers

From: Infectious Diseases Team

Date: January 21, 2025

Re: Local Probable Measles Case

Grand Erie Public Health (former Brant County Health Unit and Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit) is currently investigating a probable case of measles.

The case's infectious period was identified as January 15, 2025 to January 19, 2025. A media release was issued January 20th to notify the public that individuals at the following locations may have been exposed to the measles virus:

- Tahini's Brantford on January 16, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Momoko Snacks Land on January 16, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- White Horse Bowling on January 18, 2025 from 6:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Exposed individuals are advised to review their immunization record to confirm receipt of 2 doses of measles containing vaccine, monitor for symptoms for 21 days from exposure and if symptoms develop, contact their health care provider as soon as possible.

Healthcare providers are encouraged to maintain awareness of the potential for local contacts and/or cases of measles and should consider measles in patients presenting with compatible signs and symptoms, especially if they are part of an under vaccinated community. For any contacts that may be identified that are eligible for post-exposure prophylaxis with MMR vaccine or Immunoglobulin (Ig), this should be arranged quickly and according to the recommended timelines. Ig administration can be arranged through the health unit.

NACI Recommendations for Measles Ig:

Intramuscular immunoglobulin (IMIg) or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) is recommended for susceptible, high-risk groups, including:

- Immunocompromised individuals
- Unvaccinated or under vaccinated pregnant individuals
- Infants less than 6 months of age
- Immunocompetent infants aged 6 to 12 months, identified within 6 days of exposure but after the 72-hour window for the MMR vaccine

Infection Control:

If patients presenting with compatible signs and symptoms requires assessment or testing, please adhere to the following infection control measures in a clinical office setting:

- Schedule the patient at the end of the day, after the final patients have left the office.
- Isolate the patient in a separate examination room and ensure the door remains closed.
- Provide the patient with a surgical face mask and maintain proper ventilation in the room.
- Healthcare workers must wear a fit-tested N95 respirator.
- Post clear alert signage for staff on the closed room door.
- Allow a minimum of two hours for air clearance before reusing the room.

Both measles cases and contacts should be reported to Public Health as soon as possible. During regular office hours, suspected cases and contacts can be reported to the Infectious Diseases Team at Grand Erie Public Health Brantford-Brant 519-753-4937 ext. 454. For after hours and weekends, please contact on-call at 519-753-4937. For any questions, please contact our Infectious Disease Team at the same number.

Additional information and resources can be found on the Healthcare Providers section of our website. Please scan the QR code below:



Sincerely,
Grand Erie Public Health
Brantford-Brant

The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit and Brant County Health Unit have merged! While our name might be different, our programs and services will remain the same across the Brantford-Brant and Haldimand-Norfolk regions at current operating locations until further notice