



August 26, 2019

Dear Salt River Schools Parents & Guardians,

There is a current measles investigation in Maricopa County; this letter is being sent in coordination with SRPMIC health leaders to inform you about the situation and the measles virus, what can be done to keep children and families safe, and what to do if you believe measles is present in your household.

This is a great opportunity to make sure your child's immunizations are up-to-date and on file with their school. More information can be found at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/school-childcare/requirements.htm>.

### INCIDENT INFORMATION

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services learned that a teenage international traveler competing in the recent World Hip Hop Dance Championship at the Arizona Grand Resort has tested positive for measles and may have exposed others to the disease.

#### *Areas of possible exposure:*

##### August 9, 2019

- Arizona Grand Resort & Spa (8000 Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix), all day

##### August 10, 2019

- Arizona Grand Resort & Spa (8000 Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix), all day
- Arizona Mills Mall (5000 S Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe), 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Gila River Arena for World Hip Hop International Dance Championships (9400 W Maryland Ave, Glendale), 6:30 p.m.

##### August 11, 2019

- Arizona Grand Resort & Spa (8000 Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix), through 7 p.m.
- Arizona Mills Mall (5000 S Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Harkins Theatre (Arizona Mills Mall) 12:45-6 p.m.
  - Includes *Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw* showings at 1:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Sky Harbor International Airport (Terminal 2), 5-10 p.m.

### SYMPTOMS

Symptoms typically appear 7-12 days after exposure to measles but may take up to 21 days. For this reason, anyone who may have been exposed should watch for signs and symptoms of measles until **September 2**.

#### *Signs and symptoms include:*

- Begin with fever (101 F or higher), red, watery eyes, cough and runny nose
- Followed by a rash that is red, raised, and blotchy. The rash typically begins on the face at the hairline and moves down the body. The rash may last for 5-6 days and may turn brownish.
- People who have depressed immune systems may have a rash that does not fit the description above.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE MEASLES

Call your primary care provider or the SRPMIC Public Health Nurse at 480-362-5545.

## ABOUT MEASLES

- Measles is a highly-contagious, vaccine-preventable viral illness spread through coughing, sneezing, and contact with secretions from the nose, mouth, and throat of an infected individual.
- Measles virus can survive in the air for hours and may be transmitted to susceptible individuals even after an infected individual is no longer in the room/area.
- You may be protected from measles if you were immunized with 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine or if you have previously had the disease. Healthcare providers are required to report suspect cases of measles to Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

For more information please go to [www.wearepublichealth.org](http://www.wearepublichealth.org).

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# Measles

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH


Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY INCLUDE


- High fever (may spike to more than 101° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin



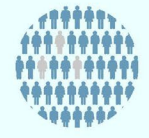
## Measles Can Be Serious



About 1 out of 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized.




1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling due to infection (encephalitis), which may lead to brain damage.



1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care.

## You have the power to protect your child.

Provide your children with safe and long-lasting protection against measles by making sure they get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine according to CDC's recommended immunization schedule.



Call a Salt River Pima - Maricopa Indian Community  
Public Health Nurse 480-274-5545

