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Friday, April 11, 2014

Possible measles exposure in Alcona and Collingwood

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has one confirmed case of measles in an adult in Simcoe County.

Anyone who visited the following two locations in Alcona on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 during the times listed may have been exposed to measles:

- Sobeys, 2080 Jans Blvd. Innisfil, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Wild Wing, 1070 Innisfil Beach Road, between 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Anyone who visited the following location in Collingwood during the dates and times listed may have been exposed to measles:

On April 2, 2014:

- The Collingwood General and Marine Hospital’s Emergency Department waiting room, main Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

On April 4, 2014:

- The Collingwood General and Marine Hospital’s Central Registration and Diagnostic Imaging, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

If you were at the locations, but outside of the times listed you were not exposed, as the virus can only live on surfaces outside the body for up to two hours.

If you believe you visited any of those locations during the times mentioned check your immunization records to ensure you and your children have had two doses of the measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV). This information can be found on your yellow immunization card, or can be provided by your health care provider.

People who have not had two doses of the measles vaccine, and who have not had measles in the past are at risk of infection. Most people born before 1970 are assumed to be immune because of previous measles infection.

People should watch for symptoms after possible exposure until April 25, 2014. Symptoms are cold-like and include cough and fever, sore eyes that may be sensitive to light, a red rash that lasts for up to five days and sometimes small white spots on the inside of the mouth.

Anyone with symptoms should call their health care provider and tell them that they have been exposed to measles. DO NOT go to your health care provider’s office/medical clinic/hospital without letting them know you think you may have measles so that they can take precautions to stop spreading it to others. For more information call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, hours are extended to 8 p.m. tonight or [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).