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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Public Health Confirms Sixth Measles Case Health officials' prevention efforts continue as cases increase

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed that a male in his mid-20's tested positive for measles, making it the sixth measles case in El Paso. Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing and the disease usually begins with fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes. These symptoms are followed by a rash that spreads from the head down to the hands and feet. This highly contagious respiratory disease can live in an airspace where an infected person was for up to two hours.

Anyone who visited the following places on the dates and times noted below should review his/her immunization status to confirm that they are properly immunized against measles.

Date	Location	Time
Sunday, 7/21/19	Walmart at Cielo Vista (7101 Gateway Blvd W)	11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 7/23/19	Veteran Affairs Main Clinic (5001 N. Piedras)	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7/23/19	Walmart at Cielo Vista (7101 Gateway Blvd W)	3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Anyone who: 1) visited any of the above locations on the dates and times referenced AND 2) develops a fever and rash, should call their health care provider immediately. Additionally, those who are concerned that they may have been exposed or who would like more information may call 2-1-1.

"We can't stress enough the importance of being vaccinated against measles. It is our best defense and very well proven for over 50 years now all across the world", says DPH Director, Robert Resendes. All three Department of Public Health Immunization Clinics are operating Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will remain open during the lunch hour. Clinic locations are: Central El Paso (5115 El Paso Drive), Henderson (721 South Mesa Street), and Ysleta (110 Candelaria Road).

Parents and legal guardians are required to bring a photo ID and child's immunization record. The administration fee for vaccines is \$10.00 per child for one vaccine and \$15.00 per child for those eligible for the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) or Adult Safety Net. The DPH immunization clinics accept all Medicaid plans, CHIP (El Paso First only), credit and debit cards (Visa and Mastercard). Appointments can be made by calling 915-212-6555 or for additional information, visit www.EPHealth.com.

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