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City of El Paso to Offer Free Measles Vaccine at Juneteenth Celebration

Health Officials Urge Public to Check Measles Dashboard, Be Aware of Potential Exposure at Airport

EL PASO, **Texas**—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) will offer **free measles (MMR)** vaccines during the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Nations Tobin Park, 8831 Railroad Dr.

Community members who have not yet received the MMR vaccine are encouraged to stop by. **No appointment or insurance is required.**

As part of ongoing efforts to protect public health, officials also remind residents to regularly check the <u>Measles Information Dashboard</u> for updates on confirmed cases, demographic data, and vaccination status. The dashboard is updated daily around 9 a.m. and is available at <u>EPHealth.com</u> under the <u>Measles information page</u>.

POTENTIAL EXPOSURE LOCATIONS

Individuals who visited the following locations during the dates and times listed are urged to check their immunization status and monitor for symptoms:

Date	Location	Time
05/31/2025	El Paso International Airport (6701 Convair Rd.)	11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
06/01/2025	El Paso International Airport (6701 Convair Rd.)	11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
06/02/2025	El Paso International Airport (6701 Convair Rd.)	11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

ABOUT THE DASHBOARD

The dashboard is available at EPHealth.com under the <u>Measles information page</u>. It is updated daily around 9 a.m. and includes the number of confirmed cases, demographic summaries, and vaccination status when available.

"Now that school is out and many families are preparing for summer travel, it's critical that everyone is up to date on their measles vaccination," said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City-County Health Authority. "Getting vaccinated protects not just ourselves and our families, but our entire community."

Public health officials recommend the MMR vaccine to prevent further spread of the disease. Adults under 68 years of age who do not have a record of receiving the vaccine are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. However, pregnant women and individuals with compromised immune systems should not receive the vaccine.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that spreads through coughing and sneezing. The virus can linger in the air for up to two hours after an infected person has left the area. Common symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a rash that begins on the face and spreads downward. Infected individuals are contagious from four days before to four days after the rash appears (Day 0 is the day the rash appears).

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Those at increased risk of contracting measles include:

- Unvaccinated individuals.
- Recent travelers to areas with ongoing measles outbreaks.
- Immunocompromised individuals, including pregnant women, people with HIV, and those undergoing chemotherapy or other immunosuppressive treatments.

FREE MEASLES VACCINATION CLINICS

Walk-in immunization services are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch), at the following DPH clinics:

- Lower Valley Community Clinic: 9341 Alameda Ave.
- Henderson Community Clinic: 721 S. Mesa St.
- Westside Community Clinic: 7380 Remcon Cir.
- Northeast Community Clinic: 9566 Railroad Dr.
 - o Northeast Clinic is open during the week and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call (915) 212-6555.

For additional information on measles symptoms, vaccination, and potential exposure, the City of El Paso has activated a Measles Hotline at (915) 212-HELP (4357). Residents can also call 2-1-1 or visit EPHealth.com under the Vaccination & Immunizations tab.

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