



# Public Health Idaho North Central District



## Press Release

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### HEADLINE: Public Health Confirms Second Case of Measles in Latah County

**LEWISTON, IDAHO** – Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) announced today that it has received confirmation of a second case of measles in a Latah County resident. The initial case was a child too young to be immunized and the second case is a family member that was partially immunized due to age. The newest case was also exposed to measles while travelling internationally. There has been no spread of measles to the general public in Latah County or Idaho at this time. Public Health – Idaho North Central District continues to collaborate with Gritman Medical Center and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to respond and control any additional transmission.

Listed below are the locations of verified potential exposures to the public and have not changed from previously identified locations.

Date	Time	Location
May 31, 2019	11 am – 2:30 pm	Gritman Medical Center, Lab & Imaging Waiting Area, Moscow
May 26, 2019	9:15 am – 2 pm	Trinity Reformed Church, 101 Palouse River Dr., Moscow

Times include the period when the individual(s) were at the location and two hours after. Measles virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after someone infectious with measles leaves the area. Anyone who was at these locations during the times listed above could have been exposed to measles. Public Health is notifying patients and their families who were at these locations in Latah County and might have been exposed. Early symptoms of measles are fever, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, and red eyes. If you were at the exposure locations and have measles symptoms, stay at home contact your healthcare provider.

Measles is preventable with vaccination. If you think you have been exposed in these locations and you are not vaccinated against measles, stay at home and contact Public Health. If you have questions about your vaccination status contact your healthcare provider.

This is an ongoing investigation. Public Health will provide updates as additional information becomes available. Public Health has created a webpage dedicated to the measles investigation that contains the latest information, as well frequently asked questions at <http://idahopublichealth.com/district-2/measles>

**To learn more, please call your healthcare provider or Public Health - Idaho North Central District at 208-748-0400.**

**To contact the Department of Health and Welfare, please call 208-334-0668.**