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Medina County Health Department Measles Update

MEDINA, Ohio. October 21, 2026 – The Medina County Health Department (MCHD) continues to monitor an increase in measles cases within the county. As of October 21, 2026, MCHD has been notified of a total of 18 measles cases (3 confirmed, 15 probable) in Medina County. These cases have been identified within a small group of families who are taking appropriate precautions to isolate. For the general public who are vaccinated, the risk of contracting measles remains low.

When a measles case is identified, MCHD contacts each individual to determine whether any public exposures may have occurred. To date, no public exposure locations, including schools, have been identified in Medina County. If a public exposure location is identified in the future, the Health Department will notify the public promptly.

Preventing the Spread of Measles

The best protection against measles remains getting fully vaccinated. The MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine, administered over two doses, boosts a person's immune system and provides 97% lifetime protection. The vaccine is available for anyone over the age of one.

People who have two documented doses of MMR do not need another. Adults who have only had one dose, those vaccinated between 1963 and 1967, or those who cannot find their vaccination records should talk with a health care provider about getting vaccinated. Newborns have some natural immunity for the first few months of life if their mothers were vaccinated against measles. Parents with infants between 6 months and 12 months can speak to their health care provider about receiving an early, extra dose of the MMR vaccine if they live in or will be traveling to an area with a measles outbreak. It is also recommended for anyone traveling internationally to have two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Next Steps

An important role of public health is to provide education about measles and other infectious diseases, as well as work to contain their spread. The most current measles case count for Medina County can be found on our Health Alerts webpage at medinahealth.org/health-alerts. This page will be updated regularly.

We will continue to follow up with any positive cases and will notify the public if any public exposure locations are identified. For more information on measles, visit our website at medinahealth.org/measles. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) for timely updates and any important announcements.

About Medina County Health Department

The public health mission is to prevent, promote, and protect health. You can trust the Health Department to keep you informed and provide reliable information on what you can do during this outbreak and beyond. The Medina County Health Department has protected your health since 1918. Services are partially supported by your property tax health levy. Equal opportunity provider.

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