

# Panhandle

## Public Health District

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For Immediate Release:

### Updated Measles Testing Guidance and New Community Exposure Location Identified in Sheridan County

Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) and Gordon Memorial Hospital are requesting if you are experiencing measles symptoms, including fever along with a runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, or a rash: **PLEASE DO NOT GO TO** Gordon Memorial Hospital or Gordon Clinic for testing until you have called 877-632-2856 to determine if testing is needed.

An additional potential measles exposure site has been identified in Gordon. People present at the following locations during the indicated times may have been exposed to measles:

- Family Dollar in Rushville, NE on May 17 from 9am-Noon
- **Little Lambs Preschool Track Meet in Gordon, NE on May 20 from 8am-1pm**
- Gordon Clinic in Gordon, NE on May 21 from 8am-1pm

Earlier this morning, PPHD reported a confirmed measles case in an age-appropriately vaccinated child residing in Sheridan County. Two doses of measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective.

Please contact your health care provider to check you and your family's vaccination status against the measles, you can also lookup records at the following:

- **Nebraska Immunization Records Lookup** - [https://nesiis-dhhs-prod.ne.gov/prd\\_ir/public/clientSearch.do?language=en](https://nesiis-dhhs-prod.ne.gov/prd_ir/public/clientSearch.do?language=en)
- **South Dakota Immunization Records Lookup** - <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/immunizations-vaccinations>

If you have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine, talk to your health care provider right away. At this time DHHS is modifying MMR vaccine recommendations for Sheridan County residents:


- Residents aged 6-11 months should receive an early dose of MMR vaccine. This should be followed by two additional doses of MMR beginning at 12 months of age.
- Residents aged 12 months or older with only one dose of MMR vaccine should receive their second dose as soon as possible, at least 28 days following the first dose.
- Residents born prior to 1957 are presumed to have natural immunity to measles but should talk to their provider if they have concerns about their immune status.



Measles is an acute, highly contagious viral disease. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, and rash. Although measles is usually considered a childhood disease, it can be contracted at any age. Generally, preschool children, adolescents, young adults, and inadequately immunized individuals comprise the majority of measles cases in the United States. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The Panhandle's measles response is a continuously evolving effort. For more information, visit <https://pphd.org/measlesinfo.html>, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mmr/public/index.html>, or <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.

To sign up for PPHD's news releases, [click here](#) or visit [www.pphd.ne.gov](http://www.pphd.ne.gov). Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website [www.pphd.ne.gov](http://www.pphd.ne.gov).




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If you are concerned you or a family member were exposed to measles, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/dhkyx8pb> to complete a risk assessment survey. If you do not have access to the internet or need help filling out the survey, call 308-633-2866.



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Si tiene síntomas de sarampión, como fiebre acompañada de secreción nasal, tos, ojos enrojecidos y llorosos o sarpullido:

- **POR FAVOR, NO VAYA al Gordon Memorial Hospital ni a la Clínica Gordon para hacerse la prueba hasta que haya llamado al 877-632-2856 para determinar si es necesaria la prueba.**

Si le preocupa que usted o un familiar hayan estado expuestos al sarampión, visite <https://tinyurl.com/dhkyx8pb> para completar una encuesta de evaluación de riesgos. Si no tiene acceso a internet o necesita ayuda para completar la encuesta, llame al 308-633-2866.



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**Las personas presentes en los siguientes lugares durante los horarios indicados pueden haber estado expuestas al sarampión:**

- Family Dollar en Rushville, NE, el 17 de mayo de 9 a. m. a mediodía.
- Competencia de atletismo preescolar Little Lambs en Gordon, NE, el 20 de mayo de 8 a. m. a 1 p. m.
- Clínica Gordon en Gordon, NE, el 21 de mayo de 8 a. m. a 1 p. m.

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