

# Health Alert

## Measles Update

June 30, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

While Kitsap County had no additional measles cases this spring, measles continues in Washington State. Our medical community has done an outstanding job preventing any further cases in Kitsap County. However, local public health officials in King and Pierce Counties are investigating eight confirmed cases of measles among members of the same extended family in south King County, and a single suspected case in Pierce County. These cases are linked to another case who returned to the United States from the Pacific Islands on May 26th with measles.

Known public exposures occurred at several MultiCare healthcare facilities where the infected individuals were treated, including a hospital in Tacoma. Transmission of measles to the Pierce County case is likely to have occurred during a visit to a health care facility. Public Health – Seattle and King County has issued a press release regarding this situation. Locations and dates affected are:

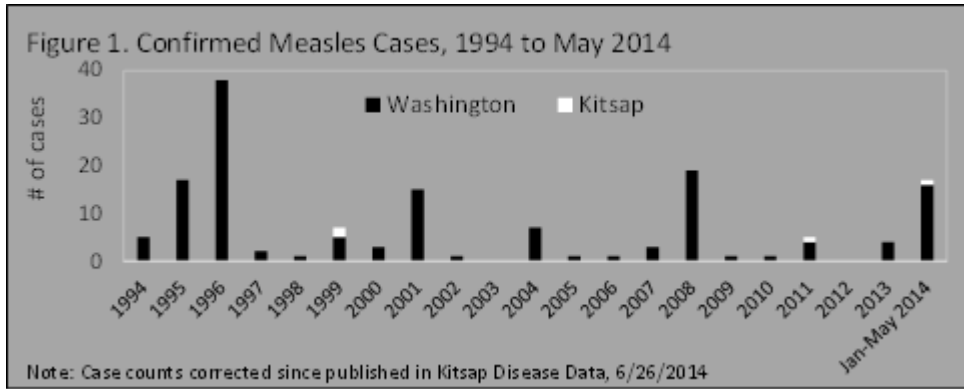
- MultiCare Kent Urgent Care Clinic (6/10)
- MultiCare Mary Bridge Emergency Department and Tacoma General Emergency Department (6/10-6/11) MultiCare Covington Emergency Department and Imaging (dates of exposure: 6/13, 6/21, 6/22)
- MultiCare Covington Pediatrics (6/13, 6/14)
- MultiCare Mary Bridge Pediatrics Clinic, Maple Valley (6/19)
- MultiCare Mary Bridge Emergency Department and Tacoma General Emergency Department (6/22)
- MultiCare Mary Bridge Emergency Department and Tacoma General Emergency Department (6/24)

The medical facilities are directly contacting persons who were present – clients, visitors, and staff – during the times of potential exposure. Please be on alert for any illness consistent with measles in your practice. This includes, fever, rash and respiratory illness especially if exposed to any of the above situations.

If you need a reminder of the clinical signs, symptoms and laboratory samples, please refer to the April 11<sup>th</sup> Measles Alert posted to our website:

[http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/healthcare/disease\\_alerts\\_measles.php](http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/healthcare/disease_alerts_measles.php)

A reminder of the measles epidemiology in Kitsap County and Washington State is below in Figure 1.



As always, please call [360-337-5235](tel:360-337-5235) with any questions or concerns. This message will be posted on our website [www.kitsappublichealth.org](http://www.kitsappublichealth.org).

Sincerely,

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