

## **MEDICAL ALERT**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

There has been a recent outbreak of measles in the United States. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has confirmed a documented case in New Jersey. Please be aware of the following exclusion criteria should a case of the measles be confirmed in your child's school.

*Measles is a reportable communicable disease and, therefore, the Board of Health will be notified immediately of any suspected cases and actively involved in case management. If a student is not vaccinated for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and a case of measles occurs in his/her school, they may be excluded until 21 days after rash onset in the last case of measles. Excluded students may be readmitted if they provide proof of vaccination within 72 hours of first exposure or provide proof of immunity via bloodwork (titer) to the school nurse.*

Adequate measles vaccination for school attendance as per state guidelines is as follows:

- One or more doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered on or after the first birthday for **preschool-age children**.
- Two doses of measles-containing vaccine for **school-age children (K-12)**.
- There must be written documentation of adequate vaccination on file in your child's school health office.

For further information related to your child's immunity, please contact your child's physician.

For further information related to measles, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and/or NJDOH Measles Exposure Guidance January 2015.

For further information related to the state's exclusion criteria, religious exemption, or medical exemption, refer to Chapter 14 New Jersey Stated Sanitary Code Immunization of Pupils in Schools (July 19, 2004)

Thank you for your cooperation,

*Roxbury School District Nurses*