

Vancouver-area measles outbreak declared over

Outbreak left 77 people sick

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The Clark County, Washington, measles outbreak is officially over, public health authorities announced on Monday.

That marks 42 days — two cycles of a measles infection — without a new case. The largest outbreak in the Northwest since measles was eliminated in 2000 and one of the largest in the country during a year of record-setting measles cases, the outbreak cost public health authorities nearly \$1 million and lasted 75 days.

Between Washington state and Oregon, 77 people got sick. The outbreak also forced schools to exclude unvaccinated students and teachers, disrupted local business in the Vancouver area and prompted a public health emergency declaration in Washington state.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that spreads through the air and can linger for up to two hours in an enclosed area. Nine out of 10 unvaccinated people who are exposed to the virus



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

One-year-old Abel Zhang receives the last of three inoculations, including a vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), at the International Community Health Services in Seattle.

will contract it, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For every 1,000 people who get measles, one to two die.

The outbreak also included two people infected in Clark County who moved to Georgia and a Vancouver-area resident who was sequestered in Hawaii when her symptoms started to show.

But the bulk of the cases were concentrated in the Vancouver area, which had 71 cases. About 93% of those cases were in children under 18 years old. The majority of those were younger than 10.

Nearly all were completely unvaccinated.

One person was hospitalized during the outbreak.

The outbreak began when an unvaccinated child brought measles to Clark County from Ukraine, which is in the midst of the largest global measles outbreak due to low vaccination rates.

Public health officials have not determined whether that child was the one who brought measles to

Clark County and set off all the other cases and officials say that they might never know.

“We’re grateful to see this outbreak come to an end without any deaths or serious complications,” said Dr. Alan Melnick, Clark County health officer and public health department director. “But as long as measles exists elsewhere in the world and people continue travel, we’re at risk of seeing another outbreak. We must improve our immunization rates to prevent future outbreaks and keep our children and other vulnerable people safe.”

Melnick has been outspoken about the need to raise vaccination rates in Washington, and especially Clark County.

The misinformation that has fueled the decline in vaccination rates, largely born from a debunked assertion that vaccines cause autism, seems to be as contagious as measles itself.

Washington will soon have a law that eliminates all but medical exemp-

tions to the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine for all school-age children who want to attend school. Oregon is considering a broader bill that would do the same for all vaccines.

House Bill 3063 would eliminate all exemptions to vaccinations for school-age children, except for medical reasons. Parents who choose not to vaccinate their child would have to enroll them in online or home school.

Here are some statistics Clark County Public Health released about the outbreak:

- About 51% of people who contracted measles got it within their household — meaning from a family member.
- 25% got measles from a public location, such as a grocery store, retail shop or church. Measles is spread through the air and can linger in an enclosed place for up to two hours, making an infected person in a high-trafficked place a particularly dangerous risk.
- 16% got measles from a school or child care center.
- Public health officials cannot determine where 7% of the cases came from, but said they all had the same wild European strain of measles, indicating they were linked.
- 4,100 people were identified as being exposed to measles during the course of the outbreak.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Am.Housewife (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Bless This Mess (N)	1969 "The Girl in the Car" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Bless This Mess (N)	1969 "The Girl in the Car" (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice		The Village		New Amsterdam		KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Judge, Jury..." (N)		FBI "What Lies Beneath" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Chaos Theory" (N)		KOIN6News (N)	(:35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Judge, Jury..." (N)		FBI "What Lies Beneath" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Chaos Theory" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice		The Village		New Amsterdam		News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Gone Rogue" (N)		The 100 "The Sanctum" (SP) (N)		Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "American Spring: Migration" (N)		Kingdoms of the Sky "The Rockies"		Frontline "The Last Survivors" (N)		Secret Weapon That W	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	MasterChef Junior "Pasta Race" (N)		Mental Samurai "Week Seven" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory FamilyGuy 1/2		American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Junior "Pasta Race" (N)		Mental Samurai "Week Seven" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		The Last O.G. (N) The Last O.G.		Conan (N)	The Last O.G.
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) 30 for 30 "Dominican Dream" (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) SportsCenter Special "Draft Grades"				Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show (N)		UFC Archival		Now or Never (N)	SportsCenter
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Dude Perfect	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	(:35) Friends
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Raven's Home 1/2
34	FAM	(34) *** Shrek (2001, Animated) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.				The Bold Type "The Deep End" (N)		*** Pretty in Pink '86, Rom) Andrew		McCarthy, James Spader, Molly Ringwald.		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (4:55) Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg, (c10) *** Now You See Me (2013, Crime Story) Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg.				*** American Hustle (2013, Drama) Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence, Christian Bale.						(:35) Boyfriend Killer (16) Barbie Castro, Patrick Muldoon.	
36	LIFE	(36) (5:00) The Shack (2017, Drama) Octavia Spencer, Radha Mitchell, Sam Worthington.				*** Me Before You (2016, Drama) Sam Claflin, Jenna Coleman, Emilia Clarke.							
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Seattle Mariners Site: T-Mobile Park -- Seattle, Wash. (L)						Post-game		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Seattle Mariners	
39	FS1	(39) Inside PBC Boxing		PBC Face to Face	MLB's Best (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			Movie
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom		*** The Matrix (1999, Sci-Fi) Laurence		Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.		Tosh.0 (N)	Jim Jefferies (N)	The Daily Show (N)	Tosh.0
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)		(:05) Project Blue Book	
45	HIST	(45) The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper				The Curse of Oak Island		Project Blue Book		(:05) Intervention "Shiann G"	
46	A&E	(46) Intervention "Elena"		Intervention "Samantha"		Intervention "Addicted Moms" (N)				KidsBhdBarsLifeProle "Aaron" (P) (N)		Sextuplets "A Whole New Ballgame"	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	L.P. "Two Houses, Two Mortgages" (N)		Little People "Home Sweet Home" (N)		7 Little Johnstons (N)		To Be Announced	
48	DISC	(48) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Deadliest Catch "Rival Survival"		Deadliest Catch (N)		To Be Announced		Superstructures "Monster Plane" (N)	
49	NGEO	(49) (5:00) Inside WWII "The People's War"		Inside the Iraq War An in-depth look at the grim reality of the war.				Nazi "D-Day" (N)		Superstructures "Monster Plane" (N)		Nazi "D-Day"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs	
51	AMC	(51) (5:25) *** Gran Torino (08, Drama) Christopher Carley, Bee Vang, Clint Eastwood.				*** Tombstone (1993, Western) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.						Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell.	
52	USA	(52) Modern Family Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Miz & Mrs. (N) Chrisley (N)		Modern Family Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Competition Italiano"		Chopped "Every 'wich Way"		Chopped "Rocky Mountain Masters"		Chopped "Belly of the Beast" (N)		Chopped "Sweetbread Dread"		Chopped "Entree Basket Blues"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer "Family Seeks Spacious Upgrade"		Restored Fords (N) Restored Fords (N)		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
55	FX	(55) (4:30) *** White House Down (13) Channing Tatum.				*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure) Bryce Dallas Howard,		Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.		Fosse/Verdon "Glory" (N)		Fosse/Verdon "Glory"	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "LA Dogworks"		The Profit "Tonnie's Minis"		The Profit "Bodhi Leaf Coffee Traders"		Hannity		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Beverly Hills "A Pursuit in Camille's Clothing"		Beverly Hills "A Supreme Snub"		The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		Mexican Dynasties (N)		(:15) Watch (N)	(:45) Beverly Hills
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Northern Pursuit (43) Errol Flynn.		*** The Wild North (51, Adv) Wendell		Corey, Cyd Charisse, Stewart Granger.		*** Rose Marie (36, Musical) Nelson Eddy, James Stewart, Jeanette MacDonald.				Fort Vengeance (53, West) James Craig.	
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) *** Jaws (1975, Horror) Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider.				*** Underworld: Blood Wars (16, Act)		Theo James, Lara Pulver, Kate Beckinsale.		Leprechaun Returns (2018, Horror) Pepi		Sonuga, Sai Bennett, Taylor Spreitzer.	
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattleman (N) FFA Today (N)		Chris Cox	Ken McNabb 2 of	Best of America	Rural News (N)	Ag Phd (N)	Cattleman to Cattleman		FFA Today (N)		Product Showcase

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