

Two cases of measles confirmed in Oregon, one in Lane County

Testing has confirmed two new measles patients in Oregon, one of whom resides in Lane County. Both patients traveled on the same flight into Portland International Airport as a confirmed measles case on Saturday, Oct. 12. The Lane County patient was partially vaccinated.

In response, Lane County Public Health has activated its incident command system and is currently investigating potential exposure. At this time, there are four identified sites of possible exposure during the patient's infectious period.

Monday, Oct. 21:
 • 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Creswell Bakery, 182 S. Second St. in Creswell
 • Noon to 4 p.m., Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette St. in Eugene

Wednesday, Oct. 23:
 • 4 to 7:30 p.m., Blu Mist, 1400 Valley River Dr., Suite 130 in Eugene
 • 6 to 9:30 p.m., North Fork Public House, 2805 Shadowview Dr. in Eugene

Additional sites may be added as the investigation continues.

Measles exposure is possible for up to 2 hours after an infected person leaves the location. None of the identified locations above are considered ongoing exposure risks.

Measles, also known as rubeola, is a potentially severe viral infection. Measles symptoms appear seven to 18 days after contact with the virus and typically include high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes.

Measles rash appears three to five days after the first symptoms. It usually

begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet.

• Small raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots.

• The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body.

• When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Additionally, tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear inside the mouth two to three days after symptoms begin.

Measles isn't just a little rash. Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children, as well as for pregnant women and those who have compromised immune systems (e.g.,

cancer and transplant patients, etc.).

Measles is very contagious, spreading through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that if one person has it, up to nine out of 10 people around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected.

A child can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been, even up to two hours after that person has left. An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing they have the disease — from four days before developing the measles rash through four days after the rash subsides.

If someone believes they have been exposed to measles, they should contact their healthcare

provider by phone before traveling to their provider's office. Measles spreads quickly through the air.

People who may have been exposed and who are showing symptoms should limit their contact with other people and public places until they can see their healthcare provider.

The measles vaccine is

very effective. Two doses of measles vaccine are about 97 percent effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus. One dose is about 93 percent effective.

If someone has not been vaccinated, or may only be partially vaccinated, they should contact their healthcare provider and arrange to be vaccinated.




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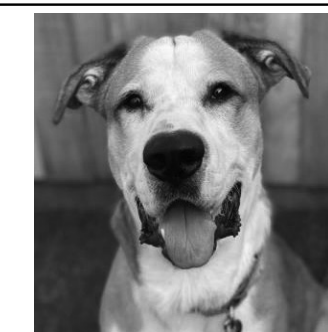
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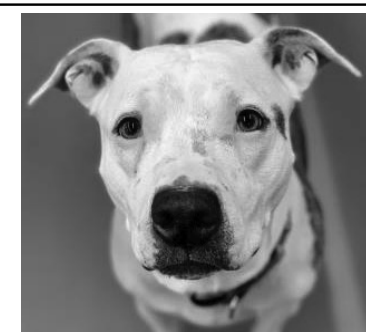
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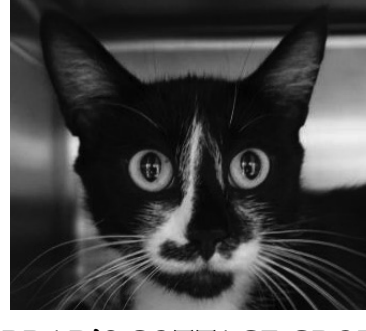
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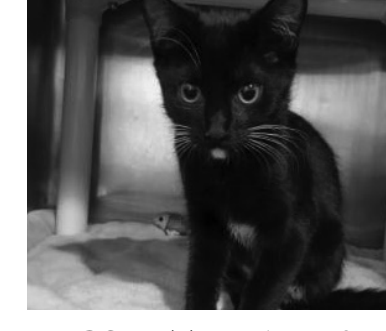
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