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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency Alerting the Public About Measles Cases in St. Joseph County

Coldwater, MI – The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (BHSJ CHA) has confirmed two cases of measles in St. Joseph County residents. The agency is working closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to investigate the cases and notify anyone who may be exposed.

At this time, the following two public exposure sites have been identified.

Thursday, November 5, 2026 between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Three Rivers Health – Emergency Department Waiting Area

701 S. Health Parkway

Three Rivers, Michigan

If you were present at this location during the listed times, and are not vaccinated, please contact us at 269-273-2161, ext. 241 as soon as possible. Individuals who may have been exposed can still be vaccinated as long as no symptoms are present.

Monday, November 2, 2026 between 1:15 p.m. and 5 p.m.

WellNow Urgent Care

1069 S. Centerville Road

Sturgis, Michigan

If you were present at this location during the listed times, and are not vaccinated contact us at 269-273-2161, ext. 241 as soon as possible. Unvaccinated individuals need to monitor for symptoms for 21 days and it is recommended you stay home, and away from others.

Symptoms include:

- High fever (may spike over 104º F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Tiny white spots in the mouth
- A red, raised, rash that starts on face, spreads to the body

If you develop symptoms, stay home and call your healthcare provider. Call ahead ***before* visiting a medical office, urgent care, or emergency room.** This helps protect other people from possible exposure.

Measles is a highly contagious illness that spreads through the air. Checking your vaccination records is a good way to know if you are protected.

Even if you have not been to these locations, now is the time to check your measles protection.

Most people are considered protected against measles if they:

- Have received the recommended doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.
- Have a documented history of measles infection or other evidence of immunity.
- Were born before 1957.

Children and some adults may need two doses of the MMR vaccine for the best protection. If you are unsure of your vaccination status, contact your health care provider or BHSJ CHA at 269-273-2161, option 1. You can also check your records at MCIR.org.

Vaccination and treatment

BHSJ CHA offers MMR vaccines at its offices. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Vaccination is also available at local pharmacies and your local provider's office. **If you develop symptoms or may have been exposed, call your healthcare provider ***before*** visiting our office, a local pharmacy, or your provider's office.** This helps protect other people from possible exposure.

To schedule an MMR vaccination, discuss a possible exposure, or ask questions as a health care provider, call 269-273-2161 and press option 7. Most insurance plans cover the vaccine. Free or low-cost vaccines may be available for people who qualify.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/measles. Residents with questions may also call our office or email us at epi@bhsj.org.

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency is committed to promoting wellness, preventing disease, providing health care, and protecting the environment. For more information, contact your local office, follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BHSJCHA or Instagram www.instagram.com/bhsj_healthagency.

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