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Dear Health Care Provider:

We are alerting Manitoba health care providers of 1 new travel-related imported case of measles reported in the province as of February 10th 2015. The case is an infant from the Winnipeg area. WRHA Public Health has identified contacts as per provincial measles protocol.

Measles activity is being reported in Ontario and Quebec, as well as several states in the US.

Please maintain vigilance for measles, especially among susceptible patients presenting with a febrile rash illness with cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis and with a potential exposure history. Ensure your patients are up-to-date with their measles immunization; visit: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html for provincial recommendations and eligibility.

If you suspect measles, please:

1. Advise the patient to wear a mask when they present to any healthcare setting, such as a laboratory, emergency department or clinic. Suspect patients should be placed on airborne precautions and evaluated promptly. *Be sure to notify the receiving health care setting in advance of sending your patient for follow-up.*
2. Collect an NP swab (preferred) and/or urine for measles virus detection and blood for serologic testing (measles IgG and IgM).
3. Submit the Clinical Notification of Reportable Diseases or Conditions form, available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/form13.pdf.
4. Call your local Public Health Office to initiate public health follow-up and to guide laboratory testing (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/offices.html). For after office hours, call 204-788-8666 and ask for the Medical Health Officer on-call.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

“Original Signed by”

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