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Update: Measles in Manitoba

Dear Health Care Provider:

A total of 4 lab-confirmed cases of measles have been reported in the province. Measles activity continues to be reported in BC, AB, SK and ON.

The first case, as reported in the March 14th 2014 letter, is a man in his 40s who lives in the area of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. The second case is a man in his '20s who lives in the area of the WRHA. This individual was in direct contact with the index case identified in Manitoba earlier this month. The third case is a youth in his teens who lives in the area of the Southern Health Region. The fourth case is a woman in her 40s who lives in the area of the WRHA. Provincial public health officials are working with the regional health authorities to investigate the cases and identify contacts.

Going forward, updates on the number of measles cases and possible locations of exposure will be provided online by 3 p.m. daily (Monday to Friday). Visit www.manitoba.ca/measles for the updated information.

If you suspect measles, please collect an NP swab (preferred) and/or urine for measles virus detection and blood for serologic testing (measles IgG and IgM) and submit the Clinical Notification of Reportable Diseases or Conditions form, available online at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/form13.pdf>. Physicians who suspect measles are asked to call your local Public Health Unit while the patient is still in the office, to initiate immediate public health follow-up and to guide laboratory testing. For after office hours, please call 204-788-8666 and ask for the Medical Health Officer on-call.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by"

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