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The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) has confirmed a case of measles in an unvaccinated Barbour County resident. State health officials are working closely with Barbour County Health Department staff to investigate the case and conduct contact tracing.

Our agency, as an adjoining county, is fully in collaboration with both county and state officials. There are no reported cases in Harrison County.

Currently, out of an abundance of caution, we have alerted county clinicians and other healthcare providers to the presence of measles in Barbour County. We are asking providers to consider measles in patients who present with compatible symptoms.

As always, our agency recommends being vaccinated against these preventable diseases and offers the vaccine at our clinic. Routine MMR vaccination is recommended for all children, with their first dose of MMR at age 12 to 15 months and their second dose at 4 to 6 years. Unless they have other evidence of immunity, adults born in or after 1957 should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine, and two appropriately spaced doses of MMR vaccines are recommended for healthcare personnel, college students and international travelers.

2. For persons who plan to travel internationally, healthcare providers should encourage timely vaccination of all individuals aged ≥ 6 months of age who lack evidence of measles immunity. • Infants aged 6 through 11 months should receive one dose of MMR vaccine before departure. Infants who receive a dose of MMR vaccine before their first birthday should receive two more doses of MMR vaccine, the first of which should be administered when the child is age 12 through 15 months and the second at least 28 days later.

- Children 12 months or older should receive two doses of MMR at least 28 days apart.
- Teenagers and adults without evidence of measles immunity should receive two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least 28 days.

If you have questions, or want to schedule an appointment, contact our office M-F, 8am-4pm at 304-623-9308.