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FROM: Jennifer Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP

SUBJECT: Measles Clinical Screening, Specimen Collection & Shipping Guidance from

MDHHS

DATE: April 30, 2019

The following information was sent out through the Michigan Health Alert Network on April 30, 2019.

MDHHS is providing updated clinical screening, specimen collection, and shipping guidance to all healthcare providers and laboratory roles. The attached document was developed to assist in coordination of outbreak response activities.

As of April 17, 2019, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed 43 total measles cases statewide since March 13, 2019. The outbreak, which began in mid-March, has resulted in 40 cases in Oakland County, one in Wayne County and one in the City of Detroit. In addition, an international traveler was diagnosed with measles following a visit to Washtenaw County, during which time he was contagious. Infected individuals range in age from 8 months to 63 years; a majority of the cases involve adults.

Clinicians should be vigilant for the possibility of additional measles cases in or associated with Southeast Michigan and are advised to take the steps outlined in the attached document in assessing patients with possible measles. Screen for travel history and compatible clinical illness.

Please note: Specimens WILL NOT be tested unless they have been approved. Call your LHD for testing approval:

Clare County: 989-539-6731, option 2 Osceola County: 231-832-5532, option 2

Gladwin County: 989-426-9431, option 2 Roscommon County: 989-366-9166, option 2

Central Michigan District Health Department's after-hours contact number: (989) 289-6445

Attachments: MDHHS Measles Outbreak Guidance: Screening and Specimen Collection (4/29/19)

MDHHS Measles Specimen Collection Instructions (4/29/19)
MDHHS Measles Specimen Collection Checklist (4/29/19)