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Subject: Important Information Regarding Measles

A state of emergency has been declared by Governor Inslee in response to 36 confirmed measles cases statewide. Currently, there are no confirmed cases in Klickitat County. Measles is a highly contagious infectious disease that can be serious, especially for infants under 12 months of age, unvaccinated pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems. Early symptoms may include fever, diarrhea, coughing, runny nose, red and watery eyes, and tiredness. After a few days, a rash will usually start to develop on the face and spread to the entire body. The virus can linger in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves the area.

The measles vaccine, also known as the MMR vaccine, is effective at preventing the disease. Recommended doses should occur at 12-15 months and again at ages 4-6 years. To learn if you or your family members have been vaccinated contact your healthcare care provider or access your immunization records online at Wa.MyIR.net.

If you believe you have been exposed to measles or are experiencing symptoms, **STAY AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE**. Contact your healthcare provider to determine the next steps for treatment and evaluation.

If you have traveled to Clark County recently, visit <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/measles-investigation> to learn about exposure locations, dates, and times. For up to date information statewide, visit <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Measles/MeaslesOutbreak>.

For more information, call the Klickitat County Health Department at 1.888.267.1199 (White Salmon) or 1.888.291.3521 (Goldendale) or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/klickitatcountyhealth.

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