



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, March 6, 2014

CONTACT: Guillermo Cole
Public Information Officer
412-578-8004
gcole@achd.net

Bacterial Meningitis Case Poses No Risk to Community or Family Members

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today reported that based on its initial findings the death of a six-year-old boy from acute bacterial meningitis poses no risk to the community or the child's family.

The most common types of bacterial meningitis in children are caused by *Neisseria meningitides* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. At the present time, preliminary laboratory tests do not indicate *Neisseria meningitides*, which calls for treatment of close contacts. Additional test results are expected tomorrow to determine the type of bacterial meningitis.

Health officials again are emphasizing there is no risk to the general public, friends, classmates and family members.

###

KAREN A. HACKER, MD, MPH, DIRECTOR
ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
955 RIVERMONT DRIVE • PITTSBURGH, PA 15207
PHONE (412) 578-8004 • FAX (412) 578-8325 • WWW.ACHD.NET

