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Confirmatory Testing by CDC Negative for Presumed Measles Case

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced that confirmatory testing by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was negative for the presumed measles case reported last weekend.

As a result, it is unlikely measles exposures occurred in the person's workplace, health care settings or any of the public places identified in the alert issued over the weekend – an office building at 2790 Mossdale Boulevard, Monroeville; Berry Quool (yogurt store), Allegheny River Boulevard, Oakmont; and Citizen's Bank Building, 525 William Penn Place, downtown Pittsburgh.

Measles cases have reached a 20-year high in the United States, with 288 cases of the potentially deadly infection reported in 18 states this year. Almost all, 97%, have been linked to travelers, mainly Americans, who contracted the infection abroad and transmission stemming from these imported cases, according to the latest update from CDC.

There have been two confirmed measles cases in Allegheny County this year, the first since 2009.

The Health Department continues to strongly recommend that any person who is due for measles vaccination make arrangements to receive it from their health care provider. Persons without health insurance may receive the vaccine at the Health Department's immunization clinic at 3441 Forbes Avenue in Oakland. There is no risk in getting an additional dose of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine for individuals who may have already received it.

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