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Public Health Confirms 4 Additional Measles Cases in County in 2017

[Ventura County, Calif.] On January 20th, Ventura County Public Health confirmed three additional cases of measles in the county. On January 24th an additional case of measles was documented in the same household. Each of these cases are related to a case reported on January 11th and all are in isolation. This now brings the current number of cases to five in Ventura County.

All of these cases are either doing well or recovered. None have required hospitalization. “We are doing our best to contain this measles outbreak so that we can prevent any further cases in our county,” said Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Public Health Officer. “I urge anyone who has not been immunized against measles to get vaccinated. Measles is both a serious and a highly contagious disease.” Public Health nurses in the Communicable Disease Program have made a number of home visits to perform diagnostic testing in these patients and to be certain that the patients are doing well.

Measles can cause encephalitis, pneumonia and even death. Outcomes can be more serious for young children, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems.

For information on the measles please visit www.cdc.gov

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