

## **E-ALERT**

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### **Measles**

Good morning all.

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and King County Health Department have confirmed measles cases. Please read this article for more information.

What does this mean for schools and Early Learning Programs at this time?

- Have your list up-to-date for students who are exempt or out-of-compliance for MMR.
- Encourage staff to have documentation of their immunity to measles.

What if we get questions from parents?

- Encourage families to find out if they are up-to-date on their vaccines. If they aren't, they should contact their primary care provider to get the MMR vaccine.
- Children in Pierce County without a health home can get vaccinated at the Mary Bridge Mobile Immunizations Clinic (see calendar) and un-/under-insured adults can check with these sites if they need MMR vaccine. For more information about measles and measles vaccination in King County please go to [www.kingcounty.gov/measles](http://www.kingcounty.gov/measles) and Pierce County [www.tpchd.org](http://www.tpchd.org)
- If parents are asking about exclusion: a school will be required to exclude unimmune students and staff if there is a measles case at that particular school. Unimmune and exposed students and staff would be excluded for up to 21 days or the length of the outbreak to control the spread of disease. The Health Department will work with you and those families in the event of an exposure.
- Refer parents to their Health Department website for more information and the latest news developments.

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