



WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT

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## **Potential Measles Exposure at WRWA Thursday, March 12 from 9:30pm until 1:30a.m.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 27, 2015 – The Oklahoma State Department of Health has confirmed the first case of measles in the state of Oklahoma since 1997. The patient was a passenger on a United Airlines Flight from Houston’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport on Thursday, March 12th which arrived at WRWA at 9:30 p.m. and went to the United baggage claim area.

Additional information regarding the flight, specifically passenger information, will not be released to the airport. The Oklahoma State Department of Health is working directly with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and United Airlines to contact any passengers on the aircraft that have potentially been exposed.

Because the measles virus is spread by droplets in the air and can linger for a short time, the airport advises travelers and visitors that were in the terminal building on Thursday, March 12 from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. that there was a potential for exposure. Even though the air in the terminal building is replaced with fresh air six to eight times per hour, it is important to exercise caution with this disease.

Will Rogers World Airport has reached out to all employers regarding any employees who were working at the time of the possible exposure. WRWA is advising that employees, who have not been properly vaccinated or were born in 1957 or after, could be at risk. Oklahoma City County Health Department (OCCHD) clinicians will give free Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations to impacted WRWA employees at the airport this Sunday at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Symptoms of measles commonly appear about seven to 14 days after a person is infected, but can be as long as 18 days. The initial exposure was March 12, so there is a potential for a person to show symptoms through March 30.

If a person was in the terminal from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on March 12 and is displaying symptoms of the measles, they should contact their doctor or the Oklahoma City- County Health Department before going to the office or clinic. They should advise the doctor that they have been exposed to the measles.

If you have questions or need to report a case of measles, you can contact the Oklahoma City-County Health Department at 405-425-4495

More information about measles can be found at <http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Measles.2015.pdf> .  
Information about immunization can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/vaccination.html>.

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