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## Travel-Related Measles Exposure

The New Mexico Department of Health is investigating a laboratory-confirmed case of measles in a teenager from India that arrived in Albuquerque on May 12, 2007, to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. (The fair had attendees from 46 states, and at least 45 countries.) On May 16, the patient presented with a history of cough, fever, and a maculopapular erythematous rash on the face that had spread down the body on the same day. The case of measles was communicable and potentially exposing persons at the science fair, two hotels and a local Walmart between May 12 and May 16.

On the afternoon of May 21, 2007, DPHHS received a line list of Montana students who attended the fair and were potentially exposed to the case. Thirty-four Montana students from 9 different counties were named. DPHHS has already contacted the county health departments with contact information on the individuals listed in their jurisdiction. The impacted local health jurisdictions are being asked to 1) obtain vaccination history update, 2) obtain contact information for friends, family and teacher(s) who traveled with the attendee(s), and 3) advise potentially exposed individuals to self-monitor for fever and, if noted, to contact their county health department. Contact investigation is ongoing. This HAN was sent for your information: it is not necessary to forward this HAN to your providers, as no specific action is requested of them at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section at 444-0273, or the Immunization Section at 444-5580.

For general information on the prevention and control of measles, see  
[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub\\_measles.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub_measles.htm).

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