

## Media Release

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### **CK Public Health & Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Advises Community of Exposure to Confirmed Case of Measles**

The Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit and the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance is advising that an individual infected with measles may have exposed community members to the virus at the times and locations listed below.

#### Location and time of exposures:

- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (80 Grand Ave. West Chatham, ON) Emergency Department from Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm to Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 am.
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (80 Grand Ave. West Chatham, ON) Emergency Department from Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm to Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 am.

**If you were present during this timeframe and are not up-to date with your vaccinations, please call Chatham-Kent Public Health at 519-352-7270 ext. 5902.**

Other actions to take if you were present at this location during these times:

1. Check your immunization history or contact your health care provider to confirm if you and your family members are up-to-date with your measles vaccination. Individuals who have received two doses of measles-containing vaccine, or who have been previously infected with measles, or who were born before 1970, are generally protected from infection.
2. Watch for symptoms of measles for up to 21 days after exposure, even if you are up-to-date with your measles vaccination. During this time, if you are unvaccinated avoid contact with vulnerable populations, including pregnant individuals and children.
3. Those who were present with an infant under twelve months of age, are pregnant, are immunocompromised, or have not been vaccinated against measles are advised to immediately call Chatham-Kent Public Health at 519-352-7270 ext. 5902 as you may be eligible for preventative treatment.
4. Call ahead to all health care settings if you have been exposed to, are a contact of, or have symptoms consistent with measles. This ensures that the health care settings can prepare for your arrival to prevent further exposures.

**Please note: If you need to visit a healthcare provider, emergency department or walk-in clinic, call first and tell them you have had an exposure and/or measles symptoms.**

More information about measles, including signs and symptoms, how it spreads and how it can be prevented, is available on the Health Unit's website [www.ckphu.com/health-topics/diseases-infections/list-of-infectious-diseases/](http://www.ckphu.com/health-topics/diseases-infections/list-of-infectious-diseases/)

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