

Measles and Mumps Immunizations

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To: Physicians; Nurse Practitioners; U of A Rural Family Medicine Program; Staff of Supportive Living and Private Long Term Care sites – Central Zone

CC: AHS Central Zone Workplace Health & Safety/ Occupational Health & Safety
Central Zone Communicable Disease Control; Public Health Nursing; Seniors Health;
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Public Health follow-up of a recent case of mumps case in Central Zone highlights the need to ensure physicians and staff of Supportive Living and Private Long Term Care sites are up-to-date with these immunizations.

Health Care workers, regardless of age, are recommended to have written records of two doses each of measles-containing and mumps-containing vaccines.*

If a health care worker without records of 2 doses of vaccine is exposed to a case of mumps or measles, the Medical Officer of Health may prevent the health care worker from working until the incubation period (time it takes for symptoms to appear) has passed. †

Please check your immunization records, and in the case of physicians, those of your office staff. Immunizations are available from your local community health centre at no charge. Physicians can also check with their local acute care facility Workplace/Occupational Health & Safety staff to see if immunizations are available.

* or written records of protective antibodies (measles only) or previous infection

† from 5 days following the first exposure to 21 days following the last exposure

Thank you for your attention to this matter.