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**Press Release  
Update on Measles Outbreak in Orange County**

**Orange County, NC** (April 18, 2013) – On Monday, April 15, 2013, the Orange County Health Department was notified of a potential measles case. The Health Department was able to confirm this case and begin an investigation into potential contacts and exposures.

As of 4:00 p.m. today, the Orange County Health Department has received no reports of new cases or symptomatic contacts. The one confirmed case in Orange County is a child who attends a local private school. The school and potential contacts have been notified and given control measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

Measles is an uncommon, but highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. The best protection against measles is the two part MMR vaccination. Most children receive their first dose of the vaccine beginning at 12 months of age. The Orange County Health Department is offering the MMR vaccine to any residents who have not received the vaccine in the past. To schedule an appointment, residents can call the Health Department at 919-245-2400 or call their family physician.

**Symptoms**

Measles is a viral disease with signs and symptoms of early onset being similar to a cold such as fever, runny nose, cough, and runny eyes. Within 3-4 days after onset of these symptoms, a rash will appear on the body. About 1 out of 10 children with measles also gets and ear infection and up to 1 out of 20 gets pneumonia.

Individuals that have measles, or are not immunized and have been around someone with the measles need to stay at home away from others.

Visit the CDC's webpage for more information about the measles: [www.cdc.gov/measles](http://www.cdc.gov/measles)

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