



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Media Contact:**

Stacy Shelp, Public Information Officer

Phone: 919.245.2462

[sshlep@orangecountync.gov](mailto:sshlep@orangecountync.gov)

**POTENTIAL MEASLES EXPOSURE AT YOUTH BASEBALL GAMES IN ORANGE COUNTY, NC**

Orange County, NC (May 9, 2013)—The Orange County Health Department is reporting that people attending two Hillsborough Youth Athletic Association (HYAA) baseball games may have been exposed to measles.

One game was on Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the [Cedar Grove Park](#) (Field #2) in Cedar Grove, NC. The other game was at the [Exchange Club Park](#) in Hillsborough, NC on Saturday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m.

A person attending these games developed symptoms of measles on Sunday, May 5. This would mean that he/she may have been contagious while at the games on Friday and Saturday. This person had been fully vaccinated and had no reason not to be in public. While fully vaccinated persons are considered to be more than 99% protected, persons that are fully vaccinated can develop the disease in rare cases.

If you attended the games on **May 3 or 4**, please be alert for symptoms that could occur anytime between **May 10 and May 25**. If you develop symptoms, stay home and CALL your medical provider to be tested.

Measles is a viral illness that is spread through respiratory droplets. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a rash that begins on the head and moves down. Persons born before 1957 are likely immune due to having had the disease as a child. Most others are protected due to having received a measles-containing vaccine (MMR). One dose of MMR has been required for childcare, school and university entry for many years. Two doses of MMR are recommended and have been required for childcare, school and university entry in North Carolina for anyone entering after July 1, 1994. Most people who have measles recover without complications, but it is especially dangerous for pregnant women, infants and persons with other health conditions that would be complicated by measles.

If you were born 1957 or later and do not have confirmation of having received two doses of measles-containing vaccine (MMR), it is recommended that you consult your medical provider or local health department to receive the vaccine. Getting vaccinated now will not provide protection for this specific exposure, but would provide future protection.

For more information about measles, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/>

###