The 2015 Measles Outbreak: Special Coverage

In December 2014, visitors to Disneyland and the Disney California Adventure in Anaheim were exposed to measles, also known as rubeola. One of the most infectious diseases in humans, the airborne illness spread to 102 people across 14 states between Jan. 1 and Jan. 30, 2015.

Once an “eliminated” disease, measles is making a comeback due in part to declining vaccination rates. Health officials continue to recommend that children, unless immunocompromised, get vaccinated, and that adults check with their doctor if they’re unsure about whether they are vaccinated for measles.

People who haven’t been vaccinated are at great risk of contracting measles. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 90 percent of non-immunized people will become infected with the disease. Early measles symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes.

Healthcare professionals, parents, and members of the community are concerned about the current measles outbreak as the number of cases continues to grow. They can follow all the latest news about the 2015 measles outbreak with continuous coverage from Everyday Health, MedPage Today, and What to Expect. Here are the latest stories:

From Everyday Health:

Fast Facts: Is It Measles or the Flu?
A Rash of Politicians Joins the Measles Vaccination Debate
Paging Dr. Gupta: Get the Facts, Get Vaccinated
10 Essential Facts About Measles
Everyday Health's Guide to Measles
Anti-Vaxxers Feel the Heat as Measles Outbreak Spreads
Measles Hits 'the Happiest Place on Earth'

From MedPage Today:

The Politics of Immunization: Measles and Media
CDC: Measles Outbreak a ‘Wake-Up Call’
This Week: Medicare Payment Models, Meaningful Use, Measles
How Doctors Can Win the Vaccine Debate With Patients
Morning Break: Frown Time? Measles Hits ‘the Happiest Place on Earth’
Kids’ Vaccination Schedule Updated

From What to Expect:

Measles Outbreak: The Time to Check Your Little One’s Vaccinations Is Now
The Parents Who Are Most Likely to Skip Vaccinations
Measles Outbreak at Disneyland Raises Tough Questions About Vaccinations