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**Blastfax**

**Measles Case in Atlanta**

An imported case of measles was diagnosed in Atlanta on 2/6/2015.

This exposure may result in additional cases over the next 10 days.

The 2015 Red Book chapter on measles is now available online (as of 2/11/2015) for your review.

If you see a patient with a clinical suspicion of measles, call the Health Department immediately at 404-657-2588; after hours 866-782-4584. They will assist with diagnostic tests, contact tracing and post-exposure prophylaxis.

It is important to minimize exposures in your offices and hospitals.

If a parent calls with a child who may have measles, consider doing a “car call”.  
Meet the family in the parking lot for an initial evaluation.

If a suspect case enters your facility, immediately isolate them in a private room (closed doors) or air borne isolation room.

Providers should wear gowns, gloves, and an N-95 or surgical mask when examining the child.

If the patient is referred to a hospital, call before transfer to coordinate care to minimize exposure at the receiving institution.

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