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RE: Potential Measles exposure for Beecher High School students and audience spectators

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) has been advised that a spectator attending a Beecher High School basketball game in Mt. Pleasant on March 11, 2008 tested positive for measles. Measles is a contagious viral disease spread by sneezing, coughing and talking. Symptoms are a generalized rash lasting longer than 3 days, a fever equal to or greater than 101 degrees, cough, red inflamed eyes, and runny nose. Vaccination is the single best way to protect oneself from measles and is one of the routine childhood immunizations. Genesee County Health Department is advising those present at this game who develop symptoms, especially those who have not been immunized against measles, to follow up with a health care provider for diagnosis and laboratory testing.

Please visit the Genesee County Health Department web site at <http://www.gchd.us> for further information and resources regarding measles and the prevention of measles.

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