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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media
FROM: Marquette County Health Department
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SUBJECT: Marquette County Health Department Reports Local Measles Case

Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) has confirmed a measles case in a Marquette County resident. MCHD is working closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to investigate the situation in an effort to prevent additional cases, as measles can lead to serious complications.

Because the measles virus can remain infectious in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves the area, individuals who were present at the following locations may have been exposed:

- **Moonspun Wool** - 219 W. Washington, Marquette, MI, 49855
Monday 5/19 from 10am to 6pm, Tuesday 5/20 from 10am to 6pm and Wednesday 5/21 from 10am to 2pm
- **Marquette Food Co-op** - 502 W. Washington, Marquette, MI 49855
Tuesday 5/20 from 6pm to 10pm
- **Midas** – 2192 US 41, Marquette, MI 49855
Wednesday 5/21 from 12pm-2:30pm

Anyone who had visited these locations during the stated timeframes should contact MCHD at 906-475-9977 and monitor themselves for symptoms for 21 days. If any symptoms develop stay away from others and call ahead to inform them about your potential measles exposure before visiting a doctor, urgent care, or emergency room so they can take precautions to avoid exposing others.

Symptoms of measles can include:

- High fever (may spike over 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Tiny white spots on the inner cheeks, gums and roof of the mouth (Koplik Spots)
- A rash that is red, raised, blotchy; usually starts on face, spreads to trunk, arms and legs three to five days after symptoms begin.

Measles is so contagious that ninety percent of non-immune people who are exposed to measles will become infected. In general, individuals with two, appropriately spaced doses of measles vaccine

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(MMR) are considered immune. Additionally, adults born before 1957 or who have evidence of prior measles illness are considered immune. With the risk for community spread, anyone not fully vaccinated against measles is encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Contact your health care provider if you have questions regarding your status of immunity to measles or MCHD at 906-475-9977 for assistance in locating vaccination records.

MMR vaccines are available at MCHD, local pharmacies, and primary care physicians. To make an appointment for at MCHD please call 906-475-9977 or visit our website mqthealth.org for more information.

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