

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Ron DeSantis
Governor

Scott A. Rivkees, MD
State Surgeon General

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

January 22, 2020

Dear Students and Staff:

The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County is investigating a case of measles with exposure to Florida College while they were contagious. We are writing this to inform you that you may have been exposed to measles between 1/13/2020-1/15/2020.

Measles is a highly contagious disease, transmitted by respiratory aerosols when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus can live up to two hours on surfaces or in an airspace where the infected person coughed or sneezed. The incubation period ranges from 7-21 days (average 10-12) and an individual can pass the virus to others before feeling ill.

Could this be measles? Look for:

- Fever (up to 105°F)
- Cough, stuffy nose, and conjunctivitis (red eyes)
- A rash typically appears behind the ears and forehead and progresses from neck to arms to body to legs
- Rash peaks 3-4 days and starts fading by day 5 in the same order as spots appeared

Please monitor yourself for illness until February 5th, 2020. If you come down with a fever and cough or rash, please call your medical provider and the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County prior to going into the office to explain the possibility of measles exposure. Precautions need to be made so that other people are not exposed to the virus.

The best way to prevent the spread of measles is to ensure full MMR vaccine coverage in our community. Please check with your healthcare provider to ensure you are up to date on your vaccinations. You may also come to the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County Immunization Clinic. Walk-in childhood immunization services (ages 18 and under) are available Monday-Friday 8:00AM to 3:00PM on a first come, first serve basis and will be provided within staffing levels. Wait times average 1-2 hours and vary based upon service performed and number of family members. Adults are recommended to call for an appointment. The cost of an adult dose of MMR is \$91 per dose, a full series is two doses.

Immunizations - Sulphur Springs Office
8605 N. Mitchell Ave
Tampa, FL 33604
(813) 307-8077

If you have any questions call the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County Epidemiology Program at (813) 307-8010. Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe and healthy.

Florida Department of Health – Hillsborough County

Division of Community Health • Office of Epidemiology
P.O. Box 5135
Tampa, FL 33675-5135
PHONE: (813) 307-8010 • FAX: (813) 276-2981

www.FloridaHealth.gov
www.hillscountyhealth.org
TWITTER: HealthyFLA
FACEBOOK: FLDepartmentofHealth
YOUTUBE: fldoh