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### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOLD MMR VACCINATION CLINIC**

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Multiple cases of measles have recently been reported in Sedgwick County. The Sedgwick County Health Department will hold a free MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccination clinic on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2716 W. Central, Wichita. No out-of-pocket fees will be charged. However Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance will be billed if available.

This clinic is intended for anyone in order to bring the general public up-to-date on measles vaccinations. Children receive their first dose of the measles vaccination around 12 to 15 months, and another booster around four to six years of age. MMR will be the **only** vaccine offered at this clinic. **If you think you or your child has been exposed to measles, DO NOT attend the clinic** as the measles is highly contagious and spreads easily through the air. Instead, **call** your health care provider or the Sedgwick County Health Department Measles Information Line at **316-660-7424** for instructions.

#### **Key information to understand about measles:**

- If you have been vaccinated or were born before 1957, you are unlikely to get measles.
- If you have not been vaccinated or are not sure if you have been vaccinated, **CALL your health care provider.**
- If you fear you have been exposed to measles or are experiencing measles symptoms (see below), **DO NOT go to an emergency room, physician's office or urgent care facility. Instead, CALL your health care provider for instructions.**

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**If you do not have a health care provider, call the Sedgwick County Health Department Measles Information Line at 316-660-7424.**

The Sedgwick County Health Department, working with KDHE, continues to investigate and track any potential exposures. **It is absolutely critical that if someone believes they are experiencing measles symptoms that they CALL their health care provider first, to avoid any unnecessary exposure to other individuals.**

**Symptoms include:**

- Fever
- Blotchy rash on the skin, which spreads from the head to the trunk then to the lower extremities
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Feeling run down, achy
- Tiny white spots with bluish-white centers inside the mouth

Measles can spread to others four days before and four days after the rash appears. It is spread through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing, and symptoms usually appear one to two weeks after exposure. If you or your child experiences these symptoms, CALL your health care provider first.

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