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TRAINING BULLETIN

Training Subject: **Measles Advisory**

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The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is investigating a confirmed case of measles in the Santa Monica area August 8, 9, and 10. This guidance is to alert first responders as to the precautions that should be taken when contacting a subject with suspected measles.

Standard personal protective equipment (PPE) should be instituted when contacting, including N95 mask and gloves. The subject should also wear a mask if possible based on his/her suspected condition.

- Consider measles when evaluating any patient who has an acute rash illness with fever.
- IMMEDIATELY institute respiratory and airborne precautions for all persons with a measles-like rash and fever.

Measles symptoms usually begin 8-12 days (up to 21 days) after exposure with a prodrome of fever (up to 105 F), malaise, cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis. Two to 4 days later, a maculopapular rash develops around the hairline or ears and spreads downward to the face, trunk, and extremities. Severe illness can occur including pneumonia, encephalitis, and death.

Julissa Chavez is coordinating the distribution of N95 protective masks to all personnel through your immediate supervisor.

Thank you for your assistance.