

## **Measles Cases in the United States – April 2019**

Measles is an acute systemic viral infectious disease that has resurfaced in the United States since the year 2000 and has now reached a concerning incidence rate with there being over 600 confirmed cases of Measles across 22 states, including Nevada, just since January 1, 2019. Although Nevada state law requires proof of immunization against Measles and several other vaccine-preventable diseases prior to entering all public, private, and charter schools, Nevada also honors Religious & Medical Exemptions from immunization. It is our due diligence to be proactive and to encourage immunization against Measles for the sake of the health of children and their academic success. Those children who are not vaccinated against Measles run the risks of 1.) Acquiring the disease and its harmful effects and 2.) Being excluded from school in the event of a Measles outbreak, per NRS 392.435 and NRS 394.192.

Please refer to these informational links for more information on the signs & symptoms & care of Measles, the current Measles outbreak, and Nevada state laws regarding exclusion from school if Measles occurs in a school:

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

<https://immunizenevada.org/measles>

For more information, please contact your School Nurse or School Health Aide. For detailed inquiries, please contact your Physician and/or the State Epidemiologist at Carson City Health & Human Services.