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2019 Measles Outbreaks

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There have been 1,261 measles cases in 31 states from Jan. 1 to Nov. 7, 2019, the most since 1992 and since measles was eliminated in 2000. Below is *AAP News* coverage of the outbreaks and resources for pediatricians.

Study: Infants' measles protection from mothers short-lived

Nov. 21, 2019 -- About 67% of infants were susceptible to measles at two months, prompting calls for improved community vaccination to protect them.

1,249 cases of measles this year, yet elimination status appears safe

Oct. 4, 2019 -- Outbreaks in New York ended just before reaching one year of transmission that would have caused the U.S. to lose its status.

CDC: Travelers to Europe should protect themselves from measles

June 17, 2019 -- The continent has seen a spike in cases in 2018 and 2019 that has contributed to outbreaks in the U.S. where the case count just reached 1,044.

Health officials combating measles vaccine misinformation as cases reach 1,001

June 6, 2019 -- "We can't say this enough: Vaccines are a safe and highly effective public health tool that can prevent this disease and end the current outbreak," HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II, J.D., said.

CDC: Measles cases rise to 971; disease elimination status threatened

May 30, 2019 -- CDC officials are stressing that MMR vaccine is safe and effective and vaccination is key to stopping the outbreaks.

CDC updates measles vaccination guidance for infants traveling to U.S. outbreak areas

May 22, 2019 -- Infants ages 6-11 months traveling to areas in the U.S. with measles outbreaks should follow the vaccination recommendations of the health department in their destination.

Measles associated with numerous complications, death

May 17, 2019 -- Common complications associated with measles infection are diarrhea, otitis media and pneumonia.

What are the indications, precautions, contraindications for MMR vaccination?

May 14, 2019 -- Contraindications for MMR vaccination include a history of severe reaction to a previous dose or any component of the vaccine, pregnancy and immunosuppression.

Measles outbreak occurs despite stricter immunization requirements

May 9, 2019 -- To maintain herd protection against measles within a population, 95% of people must be vaccinated.

CDC develops measles toolkit for health care providers

May 6, 2019 -- The toolkit includes resources to help pediatricians talk to families about MMR vaccines.

Measles cases reach 25-year high

April 29, 2019 -- The case count of 704 is the highest since 1994 despite the virus having been eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

Measles cases hit new high; AAP urges vaccination

April 24, 2019 -- As measles cases climb to 695 the AAP urges families to vaccinate and lawmakers to make it harder to opt out of vaccine requirements for school entry.

When should measles vaccine be given? What is interval between doses?

April 19, 2019 -- The first dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine should be given at 12-15 months followed by a second dose at 4-6 years.

Study: MMR vaccine not linked to increased autism risk

March 5, 2019 -- Data on more than 675,000 children in Denmark showed no increased risk of autism after receiving MMR vaccine.

How to address vaccine hesitancy: New AAP report says dismissal a last resort

Aug. 29, 2016 -- The report offers tools to help pediatricians discuss vaccination with families that are hesitant including online resources to educate them.

Eliminate nonmedical immunization exemptions for school entry, says AAP

Aug. 29, 2016 -- The Academy supports medically indicated exemptions but says nonmedical exemptions are inappropriate for individual, public health and ethical reasons.

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