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## **Measles Vaccine Available Through Immunization Program**

(Woodland, CA) – In response to the ongoing measles outbreak in California, the Yolo County Health Services Department's Immunization Program has received special doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine to be used in children and adults for outbreak control and prevention efforts, regardless of insurance status. The vaccine is available to residents during the program's weekly Monday clinics and to community clinics running low on the vaccine.

The current supply of the MMR vaccine in California is adequate. As of today, there are no known cases of measles in Yolo County. Individuals unsure of their immunization status, should discuss with their medical provider the need to be vaccinated.

Yolo County residents may attend the Health Services Department's regularly scheduled immunization clinics for the MMR vaccine, flu shots and other vaccines as follows:

1st Monday of each month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. 500B Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento

2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday of each month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. 137 N. Cottonwood in Woodland

The measles vaccine has been available in the United States since 1963 and two doses have been recommended since 1989.

"The best way to prevent measles and to stop the ongoing spread is to get fully vaccinated," said Yolo County Health Officer Constance Caldwell, M.D. "The recommended two doses of the MMR vaccine are more than 99 percent effective in preventing measles."

For more information on Yolo County's Immunization Program, call at: (530) 666-8562.