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**Keep Measles Out of Lower Northern Michigan**  
*GTCHD hosts a walk-in clinic for measles vaccination*

Due to the increasing number of measles cases across the United States and in Michigan, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is encouraging residents and visitors to ensure that they and their family members are up to date on measles vaccinations. To facilitate this, they will host a walk-in clinic for measles vaccinations on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

As of June 5th, 2025, there have been 1,168 confirmed cases of measles throughout the U.S., including 10 cases in Michigan. While there have been no reported cases in Grand Traverse County, tourist season will bring many local and international travelers into our communities.

“Measles is a highly contagious virus that spreads through airborne droplets and can linger on surfaces and in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves the room,” said Jacalyn Money-Bruno, MPH, RN, GTCHD Director of Prevention and Community Health. “Given its contagious nature and the increase of travelers to our area over the next few months, we strongly encourage everyone to ensure they are protected against measles now, rather than waiting until it’s too late.”

Measles typically begins with high fever, a runny nose, red eyes, and a cough, followed by a raised, red rash that starts on the face and spreads to the body and extremities. The infection can lead to serious health complications, including seizures, pneumonia, brain damage, and even death.

“Measles is a vaccine-preventable infection,” said GTCHD Health Officer Mike Lahey, MPH. “We want to remind our community that receiving the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is both highly effective and safe.”

The MMR vaccine is recommended for children starting at age one, with a second dose given at four to six years of age. Adults born after 1957 who are unvaccinated or unsure of their vaccination status should also get vaccinated.

The GTCHD will be hosting a walk-in clinic for measles vaccinations on June 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 2600 LaFranier Road in Traverse City. For more information or to schedule an appointment at another time, please contact GTCHD at 231-995-6131. To learn more about our immunization program, visit our website [www.gtcountymi.gov/530/Immunizations](http://www.gtcountymi.gov/530/Immunizations).

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