Key Message
The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) received notification and confirmation this morning of a presumptive positive measles case in an under-1 year old unvaccinated infant in St. Clair County. The infant would be considered contagious beginning on April 23, 2019 through May 1, 2019. ADPH is continuing to investigate and working to confirm this case. In 2019, ADPH has conducted 174 measles investigations, including 32 which are currently open, with only this case being confirmed.

ADPH encourages all healthcare providers to
- Assess all patients’ vaccination status
- Vaccinate all patients who do not have a history of 2 doses of MMR
- Review symptoms of measles
- Report the presumptive diagnoses immediately
- Collect and submit specimens for testing
- Consider measles in differential diagnosis

Key Facts
- Currently, this is the only presumptive positive measles case in AL.
- For more information on measles cases and outbreaks, please see https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html.
- A presumptive diagnosis of measles must be reported within 24 hours by physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, infection control practitioners, AND laboratory directors.
- To report presumptive measles, either report online, https://epiweb.adph.state.al.us/redcap/surveys/?s=H37ENP8ADD, or call ADPH Immunization Division at 1-800-469-4599 (24/7/365).

Specimen Collection and Shipping
- Providers should collect a throat swab or nasopharyngeal swab, and place in viral transport medium on all presumptive measles cases for their patients.
- ADPH will collect specimens for patients without a provider.
- Follow instructions below to properly collect and send specimens to the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL).
- The specimen should be refrigerated (2-8°C) until ready to ship.
- For shipping, the specimen should be placed in an insulated container with frozen ice packs.
- Complete a BCL Requisition Form for each specimen and test ordered, http://www.adph.org/bcl/assets/BCL_Requisition_Form.pdf. Include patient information,
specimen collection date, date of symptom onset, as well as dates, locations of recent travel, and relevant vaccine history.

- Specimens may be dropped off at your local county health department to be couriered to the BCL overnight, or can be shipped directly to the BCL at 8140 AUM Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117 (at your expense).
- If you have questions about specimen collection and shipping, call the BCL at 334-260-3400 or email clab@adph.state.al.us.

A statewide news release is being issued today.

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