First presumptive positive case of measles in Alabama

Key Message
The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues to investigate the presumptive positive measles case reported May 2, 2019 from St. Clair County. Additional testing is still pending. The child is under 1 year old and unvaccinated. The infant would be considered contagious beginning on April 23, 2019 through May 1, 2019.

ADPH encourages all healthcare providers who suspect measles in a patient to call and get testing if the patient meets the following criteria:
- Generalized, maculopapular rash
- Temperature $\geq 101^\circ\text{F}$ or $38.3^\circ\text{C}$
- Cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis
- Not fully immunized with two MMR vaccinations
- Born in 1957 or after
- Recent travel out of the state/country

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, please call ADPH Immunization Division at 334-414-2258 and fill out our Measles Consultation Form

Specimen Collection and Shipping
- Providers should collect a throat swab or nasopharyngeal swab, and place in viral transport medium, as well as serum for serology, on all presumptive measles cases for their patients.
- Additional shipping guidance will provided after the consultation.

Providers are asked to call the provider line for consultation and measles testing approval, 334-414-2258.