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PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES MEASLES ADVISORY

Tucson, Arizona – February 9, 2010 – The Pima County Health Department is investigating a suspect case of measles in a young child. Department staff continues to monitor for other possible exposures.

Measles is highly contagious and transmitted through the air. Early symptoms of measles include: red eyes, fever, runny nose and cough. Within a few days following the cough and runny nose, a rash will begin on the face and spread down the body.

Dr. Michelle McDonald, Chief Medical Officer for the Health Department, states, “We would like the community to be alert to generalized body rashes associated with fever and the symptoms described. If there is any question that the symptoms being experienced may be measles, please call your doctor or the Health Department.”

Measles is diagnosed by a combination of symptoms and laboratory results. If you suspect your child may have measles, call your medical practitioner before going into the office to ensure others are not exposed.

For general information regarding measles, please call 243.7808.

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