

Large Local Measles Exposure in Mineral County
April 09, 2025

Silver Thread Public Health (STPHD) was notified on 04/08/2025 of a measles exposure at the Wolf Creek Ski area in Mineral County. STPHD is working diligently and urgently with Archuleta County, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and Wolf Creek Ski Area to determine close contacts and disease risk.

Measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe acute viral respiratory illness characterized by a fever, cough, and itchy/red/watery eyes followed by a rash that spreads from the head to the body. Measles is one of the most contagious infectious diseases transmitted when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes—remaining in the air for up to 2 hours after the infected person leaves an area. People at the highest risk of complications include infants and children less than five, adults older than 20, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems like leukemia or HIV.

People visiting the following locations on the following dates may have been exposed to measles:

Wolf Creek Ski Area: US-160 E, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

- Friday, March 28, 2025
- Saturday, March 29, 2025
- Sunday, March 30, 2025

City Market: 165 Country Center Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

- Monday, March 31, 2025: 10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Pagosa Medical Group: 27B Talisman Dr. Unit 3, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

- Monday, March 31, 2025: 9:05 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025: 3:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Please monitor yourself and your family for any of the symptoms described above and contact your local public health office to arrange testing if you develop any symptoms. Please isolate yourself from others upon symptom development and until it is confirmed that you do not have measles.

Measles can be effectively prevented with the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine that is part of regular childhood immunizations. The vaccine is highly effective and provides more than enough protection for most people. If you were vaccinated between 1968 and 1989, you likely received just one dose of the measles vaccine instead of the two doses that are standard today. One dose alone is highly effective, and it provides more than enough protection for most people. Individuals born before 1957 have assumed immunity from childhood illness.

Please contact your primary care provider to determine if an MMR vaccine is indicated for you or your child.

STPHD is your partner in health and prevention and is here to address any questions or concerns of Mineral or Hinsdale County residents. Please reach out to our offices.

STPHD Mineral: 719-658-2416

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- Alamosa: (719) 589-6639
- Conejos: (719) 274-4307
- Costilla: (719) 672-3332
- Rio Grande: (719) 657-3352
- Saquache: (719) 655-2533La

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- Delta: (970) 874-2165
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