

In the News – Measles (Rubeola) in Multiple States in the United States – 5/27/19

The Data:

According to the CDC, from **January 1st through May 24, 2019, there have been 940 confirmed cases of measles in 26 states within the U.S.A.** (compared to 127 cases as of February 14, 2019), with an increase of 60 cases in just the past week. **This jettisons this year's cases to the highest number since the decade before (1994) Measles was considered eradicated, which was 2000.**

There are currently 10 outbreaks of Measles located in seven (7) states: multiple areas of **New York** State (Rockland County, Brooklyn & Queens); two areas of **Washington** State (King, Pierce & Snohomish Counties); multiple areas in **California** (Sacramento, L.A. & Butte Counties); Michigan (Oakland & Wayne Counties with one in Detroit); **Pennsylvania** (Allegheny County); and, to complete the list, **Georgia** and **Maryland**.

There are also other states reporting confirmed cases that number less than 3 in an area, so they are not considered outbreaks but individual cases. Due to the infectiousness of measles (its ability to spread/transmit from person to person), more outbreaks may be identified by the CDC in the future, with the reporting of cases from Local and State Health Departments.

The other 19 states that have reported measles cases, as of May 24, 2019, are Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Tennessee.

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