



- Please immediately bring to the attention of all doctors -

Date: 9 September 2016

Contact telephone number: **1300 232 272 (24 hours/7 days)**

MEASLES

SA Health has been notified of two confirmed cases of measles: a 45 year old male in metropolitan Adelaide who had recently returned from Thailand, and a 21 year old female who had recently returned from Bali, Indonesia. The cases were in the settings listed below whilst infectious:

- Adelaide Airport on Monday 29th August 2016 from 8:20am to 10:00am and Thursday 8th September from 6:35am to 9:00am 2016.
- Tullamarine Airport, Melbourne on Monday 29th August from 5:20am to 8:00am.
- Qantas flight QF36 from Singapore with a scheduled arrival in Melbourne of 5.20am on Monday 29th August.
- Qantas flight QF673 from Melbourne and a scheduled arrival in Adelaide of 8:20am on Monday 29th August.
- Jetstar flight JQ128 from Bali with a scheduled arrival in Adelaide of 6:35am on Thursday 8th September.
- Coles supermarket, Gawler Green Shopping Centre, Evanston Gardens from 6.00pm until 7:30 pm on Tuesday 30th August.
- Woolworths Caltex station, 367 Main North Rd, Evanston in the late afternoon / early evening on Thursday 1st September 2016.
- Australia Post, Willaston on Friday 2nd September.
- Gawler Hospital emergency department from 8:45am to 10:00 am and 5:15pm to 10:00pm on Tuesday 6th September.
- Hyde and Partners Medical Centre, 6 Adelaide Road, Gawler South from 3:30pm to 5:45pm and on Tuesday 6th September.
- Adelaide Hills Medical Clinic, 2 Johnson Street, Stirling, from 9:00am to 10:30am on Thursday 8th September.
- Flinders Medical Centre emergency department from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Thursday 8th September.

Doctors with patients suspected of having measles are asked to:

- **Notify urgently** any patient with **suspected** measles to the CDCB on **1300 232 272 (24 hours/7 days)**. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.
- **Arrange urgent laboratory testing through SA Pathology**. GPs can take throat swabs and urine for measles PCR at their practice.
- **Isolate** suspected and confirmed measles cases for at least 4 days after rash appearance.
- **Ensure** all household and other contacts are protected against measles.
- **Minimise transmission of measles:**
 - Ensure the patient is only seen by practice staff who have confirmed immunity to measles.
 - Ensure suspected cases do not use the waiting room, and conduct the consultation in a room that can be left vacant for at least 30 minutes afterwards.
 - Treat all people who attend the rooms within 30 minutes of the infectious patient as contacts.

Measles vaccination

- Offer measles vaccine (unless contraindicated, for example in pregnant women) to all potentially susceptible persons who attend your practice. Please refer to [Immunise Australia](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immuniseaustralia).

Further clinical information is available at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/InfectiousDiseaseControl> and recent public health alerts are available at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/HealthAlerts

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