PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS RELEASE

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FROM: Newton County Health Department

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SUBJECT: Measles

Due to an increasing number of Measles cases in Missouri, Newton County Health Department is offering the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine to residents.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory illness spread by contact with an infected person through coughing and sneezing.

We are asking health care providers to be on the alert for potential exposures and patients with measles.

NCHD is encouraging people to check their immunization status for 2 MMR vaccinations. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Newton County Health Department at 417-451-3743, visit our website at www.newtoncountyhealth.org, or stop by 812 W. Harmony in Neosho, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.