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Measles and Refugee Arrivals

On February 11, 2015 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notified State Refugee Health Coordinators that a measles case had been confirmed in an Afghan refugee who traveled to the United States from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The 9 month-old refugee arrived in Atlanta, Georgia on February 4, 2015.

Due to a current outbreak of measles in Kyrgyzstan all refugee travel to the United States, from Kyrgyzstan, has been suspended while presumptive measures are implemented, including: MMR vaccination, pre-departure examination and pre-flight checks for refugees. Additionally the CDC has recommended the following procedures, which are being implemented, with regard to the MMR vaccination:

- All non-pregnant, immunocompetent U.S.-bound refugees in Kyrgyzstan, from age 6 months through 58 years (those born in or after 1957), should receive one dose of MMR vaccine.
- A second dose of MMR vaccine should be given at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose if they have not yet departed from Kyrgyzstan.
- Vaccination should be documented on the overseas medical report forms.

Once travel from Kyrgyzstan resumes, states will be notified of refugees arriving from Kyrgyzstan to their state.

For additional information on measles please visit the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/> . Utah specific information can be accessed at: <http://health.utah.gov/epi/diseases/measles/> .

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