



DARTMOUTH

To all students, faculty, and staff,

A visitor to campus and Hanover last week has a reported case of measles. The person, who was here from June 16 to 22, has returned home to a country outside the United States and is receiving medical attention there.

I'm writing to provide you with the information you need to be an active part of the response to prevent the spread of measles on campus. As of today, we do not know of anyone on campus who has been diagnosed with measles. The highest potential risk of exposure to the visitor was between Thursday, June 20, and Saturday, June 22.

Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. Symptoms typically appear seven to 14 days after contact with the virus and include a high fever, cough, runny nose, watery eyes, and a rash.

All Dartmouth students are required to have the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine to register for classes, with the exception of students who have a religious or medical exemption for this vaccine. The MMR vaccine provides long-lasting protection against all strains of measles. Those who have not been vaccinated are at risk of catching measles.

Dartmouth has reported the measles case to the New Hampshire Department of Health, and we will continue working with the state on this case.

Please see links to the resources below to understand more about measles, how to best prevent acquiring or spreading the infection, and how to recognize infection in yourself and others.

Should you have concerns for your personal exposure risk or clinical symptoms, whether or not you have been vaccinated, please access the following health resources:

- Students should contact the [Dartmouth College Health Service](#) for advice. To make an appointment to be seen, call 603-646-9401. During summer term, the service is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. A medical provider and counselor are on call 24 hours a day for urgent concerns. For emergency concerns, students should call 911 or Safety and Security, at 603-646-4000.
- Employees and visitors to campus should contact their primary care provider for further guidance.
- For those who have been exempted from measles vaccination for medical, religious, or other reasons, please contact your health care provider for recommendations. Students who have been exempted should contact the Dartmouth College Health Service by calling 603-646-9401.

Here are fact sheets on measles:

- [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#) (PDF).

The Dartmouth Health Service remains committed to keeping you healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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Chief Health and Wellness Officer

