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Measles Outbreak Linked to Unimmunized Travelers

TWIN FALLS- The recent measles outbreak in both Ohio and California have been linked to unimmunized travelers bringing the disease back from countries where the measles disease remains active. According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 15 outbreaks have occurred in the United States and a total of 187 cases have been reported in 17 states.

It is important that travelers consult the CDC's website or contact South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) to determine the prevalent diseases for the countries they wish to visit.

"The recent outbreaks overseas and in other states serve as a great reminder for everyone to check their immunization records and get immunized before traveling. Measles is a preventable disease." said Cheryle Becker, SCPHD Family and Children's Health Division Administrator. "Our agency offers various overseas immunizations that some local providers do not, such as typhoid and yellow fever. Anyone with questions or concerns can call our qualified staff. By taking precautions and getting routine and travel-related immunizations, you will ensure a safe and healthy summer travel season."

If your vaccination records show a need for updates and you plan on traveling abroad, you can make an appointment by calling the SCPHD clinic in your area. Immunizations are available by appointment at SCPHD offices in:

- Bellevue: 208-788-4335
- Gooding: 208-934-4477
- Jerome: 208-324-8838

- Mini-Cassia: 208-678-8221
- Twin Falls: 208-737-5966

For more information on SCPHD's immunization fees and clinic schedule, visit www.phd5.idaho.gov.

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