ULSTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

June 2019

Dear Camp Administrator:

There has been an alarming increase in the number of vaccine-preventable cases of measles in our region of New York State over the past several months. Notably, this is the largest outbreak of measles in New York State since 1989.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that in some cases may cause serious health complications or death. Children, immunocompromised individuals, and pregnant women are at an increased risk for severe complications or death resulting from this disease.

Measles can live up to two hours in the air where an infected person coughed or sneezed, and 90% of non-immune individuals, exposed to a person with measles, will also become infected with the virus. Individuals infected with measles can spread it to others up to four days before developing a rash or other symptoms.

The Ulster County Commissioner of Health has taken measures pursuant to Public Health Law to ensure that Department of Health staff and the Ulster County Board of Health are able to control the spread of this disease in Ulster County. These measures are necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality secondary to measles, as defined in the New York State Sanitary Code Chapter 1 Subpart 7-2. Therefore, all day and overnight camps classified as "Children's Camps" in Ulster County shall only admit campers and staff members (including volunteers) who show documentation of acceptable evidence of immunity to measles or proof of a valid medical exemption. Measles immunity is required as per the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) guidelines outlined below. Please note individuals are considered optimally protected against measles if they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine given at least twenty-eight (28) days apart.

What Does the Camp Director Need to Do?

- Confirm and provide documentation that all campers and staff members have provided acceptable evidence of immunity or a valid medical exemption. Each camper and staff member must provide at least one of the following:
  - Written documentation from a healthcare provider of one or more doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered on or after the first birthday for preschool-age children and adults not at high risk, or two doses of measles-containing vaccine for school-age children and adults at high risk, including college students, healthcare personnel, international travel, and those in outbreak areas;
  - Laboratory evidence of immunity;
  - Laboratory confirmation of measles; or
  - Birth before 1957 in the United States;
  - Valid medical exemption signed by a healthcare provider.

- Allow NO campers or staff members who have not received at least their first dose of MMR vaccine to attend a day camp and/or children's overnight camp in Ulster County, until such time that the accompanying Commissioner's Order is lifted. Campers or staff members who have provided proof that the first dose of the MMR vaccine was administered and have an appointment to complete the second dose of the MMR vaccine after twenty-eight (28) days from the date that the first dose was administered.
- Ensure that your Camp Health Director conducts a complete initial health screening for all campers and staff members.

What Camp Directors Need to Submit to the Ulster County Department of Health

In order to ensure that only immune or medically exempt campers and staff members are attending summer day camp and/or children's overnight camps, you are required to submit the following information to the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH):

A notarized affidavit, affirming under penalties of perjury, that the camp is maintaining immunization records for every camper and staff member as outlined below, as well as a completed "Camper/Staff Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals." Copies of both the affidavit and the records summary are attached and are available on our website.

Submit the affidavit to the Ulster County Department of Health, via e-mail to Denise Woodvine at dwoo@co.ulster.ny.us or Laura Bell at lbur@co.ulster.ny.us prior to the start of the camp season.

Maintaining Vaccination Records

All children's day and overnight camps must maintain a list of all campers and staff members who will attend the specified summer day camp and/or children's overnight camp, including their dates of birth and the dates they received the MMR vaccine or proof of a valid medical exemption.

Subpart 7-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code requires camps to maintain immunization records for all campers which include dates for all immunizations against diphtheria, haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis b, measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, tetanus and varicella (chickenpox). The current, complete immunization record must be kept on file for every camper and updated annually prior to the beginning of operation, as well as on an ongoing basis to accommodate any campers joining select sessions.

The Ulster County Commissioner of Health and the Ulster County Board of Health takes the health and safety of individuals who attend camps in Ulster County very seriously. Your cooperation in making sure that campers and staff members who attend your program are immune or properly vaccinated will help to ensure that all individuals at your facility have a healthy camp experience. An Ulster County Health Commissioner's Order issued with the intent to prevent the spread of this highly communicable disease is attached.

If your summer day camp, and/or children's overnight camp does not comply with the Commissioner's Order, enforcement action may be taken. If a permitted camp experiences an outbreak of measles, an investigation will be conducted in accordance with disease outbreak protocols.

We appreciate your cooperation and wish you a successful camp season. Should you have any questions, please contact my office, (845) 340-3009.

Sincerely,

Carol M. Smith, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ULSTER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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IN THE MATTER

OF

ORDER OF THE ULSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

THE SPRING 2019 MEASLES OUTBREAK IN NEW YORK STATE

Under and Pursuant to the Public Health Law of the State of New York

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TO: Children's Camp Director Ulster County, New York

RE: CAMPER VACCINATIONS/IMMUNITY

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Commissioner's Order, there is a growing number of cases of measles in New York State, especially in the Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, this is the largest outbreak of measles in New York State since 1989; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Public Health Law §2100, §308(d), §1303 and §1304, the Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Health has the authority to make and publish orders and amend regulations as she may deem necessary for the preservation of life and health, and to effectuate and enforce the provisions of New York Public Health Law §2164 and Ulster County Sanitary Code Article XVII and other associated Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to those related to communicable diseases and outbreaks of diseases as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.2, and the Commissioner may further take any measures necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.6 relative to campers at day and overnight children's summer camps as defined in 10 NYCRR 7-22; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Public Health Law of the State of New York as the Ulster County Commissioner of Health,

The Recitals set forth above are incorporated hereunder as if fully set forth herein,

I DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THAT:

A. All children's day and overnight camps must maintain a list of all campers who will attend the specified summer day camp and/or children's overnight camp, including their dates of birth and the dates they received the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine, or proof of a valid medical exemption or immunity.

B. The Camp Director shall provide a notarized affidavit, affirming under penalties of perjury that the camp is maintaining immunization records for every camper, as well as a completed "Camper Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals."

C. Camp Directors shall allow only campers who have provided either 1) proof of immunity, 2) proof of complete MMR vaccination, or 3) a valid medical exemption to attend a day camp and/or children's overnight camp in Ulster County, until such time that this Commissioner's Order is lifted.

D. Notwithstanding, a Camp Director may permit a camper who is in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine to attend camp. A camper is "in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine" or "in-process" if the camper has received at least a first dose of the MMR vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of the MMR vaccine twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered, and has not been recently exposed to an individual with measles. If a camper is in attendance when the second dose is scheduled, such camper shall receive the second dose, or shall be excluded from camp after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered.

E. Prior to camp entry, the Camp Health Director shall verify all campers have evidence of immunity to measles or a valid medical exemption. Upon arrival to camp, the Health Director or designee shall screen campers, as part of the initial health screening pursuant to the camp's safety plan, for signs or symptoms of the measles illness.

Failure to comply with this Commissioner's Order may result in enforcement actions pursuant to law.

This Order is in effect immediately.

A true copy of this Commissioner's Order is to be posted in a conspicuous place at the summer day camp, and/or children's overnight camp.

Dated: 6/10, 2019
Kingston, New York

Signed: Carol M. Smith, M.D., M.P.H
Commissioner of Health

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COUNTY OF ULSTER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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THE SPRING 2019 MEASLES OUTBREAK IN NEW YORK STATE

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TO: Children's Camp Director Ulster County, New York

RE: STAFF VACCINATIONS/IMMUNITY

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Commissioner's Order, there is a growing number of cases of measles in New York State, especially in the Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, this is the largest outbreak of measles in New York State since 1989; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Public Health Law §2100, §308(d), §1303 and §1304, the Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Health has the authority to make and publish orders and amend regulations as she may deem necessary for the preservation of life and health, and to effectuate and enforce the provisions of New York Public Health Law §2164 and Ulster County Sanitary Code Article XVII and other associated Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to those related to communicable diseases and outbreaks of diseases as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.2, and the Commissioner may further take any measures necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.6 relative to campers at day and overnight children's summer camps as defined in 10 NYCRR 7-22; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Public Health Law of the State of New York as the Ulster County Commissioner of Health,

The Recitals set forth above are incorporated hereunder as if fully set forth herein,

I DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THAT:

A. All children's day and overnight camps must maintain a list of all staff members who will work/volunteer at the specified summer day camp and/or children's overnight camp, including their dates of birth and the dates they received the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine, or proof of a valid medical exemption or immunity.

B. The Camp Director shall provide a notarized affidavit, affirming under penalties of perjury that the camp is maintaining measles immunity/immunization records for every staff member, as well as a completed "Staff Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals."

C. Camp Directors shall allow only staff members who have provided either 1) proof of immunity, 2) proof of complete MMR vaccination, or 3) a valid medical exemption to work/volunteer at a day camp and/or children's overnight camp in Ulster County, until such time that this Commissioner's Order is lifted.

D. Notwithstanding, a Camp Director may permit a staff member who is in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine to attend camp. A staff member is "in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine" or "in-process" if the staff member has received at least a first dose of the MMR vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of the MMR vaccine twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered, and has not been recently exposed to an individual with measles. If a staff member is working/volunteering when the second dose is scheduled, such staff member shall receive the second dose, or shall be excluded from camp after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered.

E. Prior to camp entry, the Camp Health Director shall verify all staff members have evidence of immunity to measles or a valid medical exemption. Upon arrival to camp, the Health Director or designee shall screen staff members, as part of the initial health screening, for signs or symptoms of the measles illness.

Failure to comply with this Commissioner's Order may result in enforcement actions pursuant to law.

This Order is in effect immediately.

A true copy of this Commissioner's Order is to be posted in a conspicuous place at the summer day camp, and/or children's overnight camp.

Dated: 6/10, 2019
Kingston, New York

Signed: Carol M. Smith, M.D., M.P.H
Commissioner of Health

PATRICK K. RYAN
County Executive

CAROL M. SMITH, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

CAMP MAINTENANCE OF VACCINATIONS/IMMUNITY RECORDS AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, do hereby affirm under penalties of perjury that
(Camp Director)

_____ is maintaining measles immunization records for every
(Name of Facility)
camper and staff member. as well as a completed "Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals" for both campers and staff.

Affirmed under penalty of perjury
this ___ day of _____, 2019.

Sign: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____

State of _____)
)ss.:
County of _____)

On the _____day of _____ in the year 2019, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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Notary Public

NOTICE: False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

Camper Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Type of Documentation		Level of Immunity					Date Eligible to receive 2nd MMR (if only 1 MMR)	Insufficient Immunity Record[3]
			Official[1] immunization registry, medical record	Unofficial[2] Self/Parent/ Guardian report	2 MMR	Laboratory test	No MMR or laboratory test	Medical exemption	1 MMR		
Smith	John	01/01/2000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	07/01/2019	X

[1] Official documentation should be in accordance with CDC definition, and should consist of written or electronic medical records documenting vaccine administration or laboratory test.
[2] Unofficial types of documentation will not be acceptable proof of measles immunity in the event of a measles outbreak in a children's camp.
[3] Insufficient immunity record should be indicated if any of the following are marked: unofficial documentation; no MMR or laboratory test; medical exemption; OR 1 MMR.

Staff Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Type of Documentation		Level of Immunity					Date Eligible to receive 2nd MMR (if only 1 MMR)	Insufficient Immunity Record[3]
			Official[1] immunization registry, medical record	Unofficial[2] Self/Parent/ Guardian report	2 MMR	Laboratory test	No MMR or laboratory test	Medical exemption	1 MMR		
Smith	John	01/01/2000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	07/01/2019	X

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[2] Unofficial types of documentation will not be acceptable proof of measles immunity in the event of a measles outbreak in a children's camp.
[3] Insufficient immunity record should be indicated if any of the following are marked: unofficial documentation; no MMR or laboratory test; medical exemption; OR 1 MMR.