



Outbreak Notification: Confirmed measles in Dadaab, Kenya

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Dear State Refugee Health Coordinator,

CDC has been notified of a **measles outbreak in Dadaab, Kenya**. At this time, measles has not been identified in any U.S.-bound refugees. The International Organization for Migration in Kenya has introduced measures to control the outbreak, including vaccination of eligible U.S.-bound refugees. Refugees ages 12 months – 60 years (born in 1957 or later) will receive the complete 2-dose series of MMR prior to departure. In addition, children ages 6-11 months will receive one dose of MMR.

The dates of vaccination will be documented on the DS-3025 form. As the MMR vaccine is a live virus vaccine, tuberculin skin tests (TST), interferon-gamma release assays (IGRA), or other live virus vaccines (e.g., varicella) should not be administered for at least 28 days after receipt of MMR vaccine (<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6002a1.htm>). Other routine post-arrival screening and immunization activities should continue in accordance with standard CDC guidance (<http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/domestic/domestic-guidelines.html>).

CDC, together with in-country partners, will continue to monitor the situation in Kenya, and will provide additional information, if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Jentes".

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