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DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES MEASLES IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN

The initiative aims to improve MMR vaccination rates across Delaware County to strengthen community immunity against measles

YEADON, PA – The Delaware County Health Department will share the details of their 2026 Back-to-School campaign to continue to protect Delaware County residents against the spread of measles amidst a growing number of measles infections across the state. Through immunization clinics, online resources and the new mobile health clinic, Delaware County residents can get access to vaccines to protect themselves, their families, and their communities against measles.

WHO: Dr. Monica Taylor, Delaware County Council Member
Lora Siegmann Werner, MPH, Director, Delaware County Health Department

WHEN: Monday, July 27, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Observatory Park (parking lot at St Laurence Road and Tobacco Road)
101 Tobacco Rd.
Upper Darby Township, PA 19082

VISUALS: DCHD's Wellness on Wheels mobile unit, children being vaccinated, public officials

"As measles cases increase across the state, maintaining high vaccination rates in the county is the most effective way to prevent measles outbreaks from spreading," said Lora Siegmann Werner, Director, Delaware County Health Department. "Measles can be dangerous, and it is vital that Delaware County residents receive their MMR vaccines so that we can protect our most vulnerable populations."

Measles is a highly contagious, viral respiratory illness. One person can spread measles to up to 18 other individuals. The virus spreads through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and can cause serious complications, sometimes leading to hospitalization. Declining vaccination rates across the state have raised concern for measles and the DOH has confirmed 114 measles cases in Pennsylvania so far in 2026 (as of July 20).

“Measles is a highly contagious, dangerous disease that can lead to serious issues, especially in children. But it is preventable through vaccination, which our Health Department is providing to children across Delco as part of their Back-to-School campaign to keep our community healthier.” said Dr. Monica Taylor, Delaware County Council Member.

The MMR vaccine is highly effective in preventing measles infections and is widely available. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles, even if someone is exposed to the virus. Delaware County residents can receive vaccines at their doctor or pediatrician’s office, local pharmacies, urgent cares and DCHD immunization clinics.

For more information about vaccinations visit <https://www.delcopa.gov/health/immunizations>

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