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Grant County's Measles Outbreak published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publication, MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report)

GRANT COUNTY, Washington – A summary report of the Grant County measles outbreak is coming out in tomorrow's edition of CDC's weekly journal MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report page 994). The report summarizes the outbreak history, the number of cases and cost estimates to the Grant County Health District.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also reports that more measles cases have been reported in the United States since Jan. 1, 2008 than during the same period in any year since 1996. In the decade before the measles vaccination program began, an estimated 3–4 million persons in the United States were infected each year. Of these, 400–500 died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and another 1,000 developed chronic disability from measles encephalitis.

"Measles can be a severe, life-threatening illness" said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of NCIRD. "These cases and outbreaks serve as a reminder that measles can and still does occur in the United States."

Attached:

PDF copy of the MMWR Report dated 8/22/2008;

Fact Sheet: *Update: Measles — United States, January–July 2008*

CDC's MMWR: www.cdc.gov/mmwr

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