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## Update: Grant County Mumps Outbreak Ends

**GRANT COUNTY, WA** – Grant County Health Officer, Dr. Alexander Brzezny, issues the following mumps alert to inform all Grant County, that the mumps outbreak has hit a critical milestone of two incubation period (50 days without a newly diagnosed mumps case). The mumps outbreak has ended.

Grant County's last case of mumps was identified on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. GCHD will continue enhanced active monitoring to identify any future cases. There is the potential for sporadic cases, especially since other Washington counties continue to have reported mumps. To date, there have been 45 total cases of Mumps in Grant County in 2017. This includes 1 community case, with the rest being confined to Columbia Basin Job Corps in Moses Lake.

The staff at GCHD would like to thank Columbia Basin Job Corp leadership and staff for the collaboration with public health staff and the Health Officer. Because of their urgent cooperation and diligent assistance mumps did not spread into the community.

### Who is at higher risk of getting mumps?

- Infants who are too young to receive MMR vaccine (under 1 year of age).
- Children over 1 year of age who are not fully vaccinated:
  - **Children should get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12-15 months of age, and the second dose at 4-6 years of age.**
- Teens and adults should also be up to date on their MMR vaccination.
- Adults born in or after 1957 who have not been vaccinated or have not previously had mumps disease.
- If you are unsure whether you or your child have been vaccinated, please contact your healthcare provider.

*\*Note: Persons born before 1957 probably had mumps as children and are usually considered immune, unless they work in healthcare. Healthcare workers should receive the vaccination.*

### Additional information about Mumps

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