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Suspected Measles Case in Montco is Not Measles

Norristown, PA (February 8, 2015) – The Montgomery County Department of Health today announced that the suspected case of measles in Montgomery County, is, in fact, not a case of measles.

The county health department has been in constant consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the State Public Health Laboratory better known as the Bureau of Laboratories, and can report that all specimens were submitted and analyzed and measles virus was not detected.

In addition, the lab results also showed that the individual had immunity; this is evidence that there was a reasonable antibody response from MMR vaccine that was previously received.

"We are extremely relieved that there is currently no public health threat in Montgomery County from measles, and I compliment the staff in the Montgomery County Department of Health and the state Department of Health for the professional manner in which they handled this case," said Josh Shapiro, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners.

There is currently no public health threat from measles in Montgomery County, and both the state Department of Health and the Montgomery County Health Department continue to urge parents to have their children immunized.