**“On hold” message for providers (audio recording played while the provider is on hold during phone calls to managed care plans):**

An increase in measles cases has been reported worldwide, including in the United States and California. The increase is linked to large outbreaks in a number of other countries, including the Philippines and Ukraine.

* Please continue to strongly recommend routine measles vaccinations at 12 months of age and again at 4-6 years of age.
* For patients who have plans to travel, measles protection is very important.
  + Infants 6-11 months who will travel internationally should receive an early dose of MMR.
  + Children ages 1 year and older who will travel internationally should receive two doses of MMR at least 28 days apart.
  + Adults born in 1957 or later who will travel internationally should also receive two doses of MMR at least 28 days apart, unless they have documentation of prior MMR doses or laboratory evidence of immunity.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at cdc.gov/measles.

**Text message for providers**

* Measles is a threat in CA. Make sure your pediatric patients start their measles vaccines on time at one year of age.
* Are your patients traveling abroad? Infants 6-11 months of age who are traveling internationally should receive an early dose of MMR vaccine before travel. Please ask parents to report upcoming travel with infants.

**Text message for members**

* Stay safe from measles. Make sure your baby gets the 1st measles shot at 12 months of age.
* Traveling abroad? Make sure your family is protected from measles before you go. Babies age 6-11 months traveling internationally should get an early measles shot.  Children 12 months of age and older who are traveling internationally should receive 2 doses at least 28 days apart. Adults who are traveling internationally also need protection. Check with your doctor.
* Traveling?  Unvaccinated people can get infected overseas, bring disease into the United States and spread it to others. Make sure you and your family are vaccinated for measles and other diseases before you travel.

**Infographics/Videos  for Instagram & sample post (from providers to patients)**

* <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/parent-infographic.html>

Your baby needs a measles shot at 12 months of age. If you haven’t scheduled a 1-year checkup, call us today!

* <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/travel-infographic.html>

Please notify our office if you are traveling internationally. We want to make sure your family is protected against measles before you go.

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv9LILA8s5M>

**Planning to travel abroad? Make sure your family is protected against measles before you go**!

* Babies age 6-11 months traveling internationally should get an early measles shot.
  + Children 1 year and older who will travel internationally should receive two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) at least 28 days apart.
  + Adults who are traveling internationally also need protection.

Call our office before your next international trip!