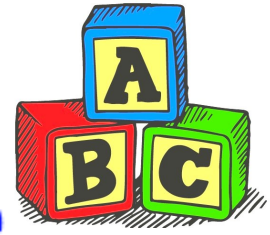




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## Measles Case in NC

*The following article was published by ABC11 on Sept 9. [Click to read the entire article.](#)*

A Mecklenburg County child with measles is the first confirmed case reported in North Carolina since 2018, the NC Department of Health and Human Services said Monday.

The child was likely exposed to measles while traveling out of the country, NCDHHS said.

The agency said the parents kept the child at home after returning to North Carolina except for one medical visit.

NCDHHS' Division of Public Health is working with the Mecklenburg County Health Department to monitor the case.

Measles is highly contagious and spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes. NCDHHS said a person can catch measles just by being in a room where an infected person has been up to two hours later.

Measles can cause serious complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, especially in children younger than 5 years old.

Children who are not traveling internationally should receive their first dose of MMR vaccine at age 12 to 15 months and their second dose at 4 to 6 years.

## WAGES, Inc. Recognized for Excellence

The National Head Start Association recognizes 12 Head Start programs across the country – including WAGES, Inc – for their excellence in providing high-quality early childhood education and family support services, as part of their 2024-29 Program of Excellence accreditation.

The Program of Excellence commendation is awarded to top Head Start and Early Head Start programs for delivering a well-rounded classroom experience and comprehensive services associated with robust positive outcomes to children from birth to age five, their families, expectant parents, and their communities.

“NNSA is thrilled to shine a national spotlight on their dedication to providing outstanding education to young children and life-changing support and resources to their families, who might otherwise lack such opportunities,” said NNSA’s Executive Director Yasmina Vinci.

The 2024-29 Program of Excellence accredited programs are:

- Black Belt Community Foundation Head Start, Selma, Alabama
- Centro De La Familia, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Child Crisis Arizona Early Education Services, Mesa, Arizona
- Flowers Early Learning, Paw Paw, Michigan
- Jefferson County Head Start, Arvada, Colorado
- KCEOC Community Action Partnership, Gray, Kentucky
- Orange County Head Start, Inc., Santa Ana, California
- Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc. Head Start & Early Head Start, Columbia, Mississippi
- Pomona Unified School District, Pomona, California
- Successful Beginnings Wyandotte County Head Start, Kansas City, Kansas
- Wayne Action Group For Economic Solvency, Inc, Goldsboro, North Carolina
- You Thrive Florida Learning Programs, Woodland Boulevard, Deland, Florida

Program winners will be formally recognized in January 2025 at NNSA’s Winter Leadership Institute, in Washington, D.C.

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