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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER MARY T. BASSETT ON MEASLES
OUTBREAK IN NEW YORK CITY**

“Twenty-five cases of measles have been confirmed in New York City, including three new cases on the Lower East Side. The Health Department has confirmed 12 pediatric cases and 13 adult cases since February. I urge New Yorkers to ensure all household members, including young children 12 months and older, are vaccinated. Measles is highly contagious and can spread easily through the air. If you suspect you have measles, please call your medical provider **before seeking medical attention** to avoid exposing others to the measles virus. I strongly advise all urgent care centers, emergency departments, and clinics to educate your staff about measles and ensure that all patients who may have measles are immediately isolated.”

For more information on [measles](http://nyc.gov/health), visit nyc.gov/health.

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