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

“Two new cases of measles have been confirmed, bringing the total number of cases to 26. The outbreak remains centered in Northern Manhattan, with 12 pediatric and 14 adult cases confirmed to date. One of the new cases is unrelated to the outbreak and was associated with foreign travel. After more than two weeks since the last confirmed case, this is a reminder that we must continue to remain vigilant.

“There are steps everyone can take to stop this outbreak. To prevent additional cases, I am calling on all urgent care centers, emergency departments, and clinics to promptly recognize measles symptoms in their patients and take necessary precautions. New Yorkers, please do your part and make sure your family is vaccinated. If you suspect you have measles, call your medical provider before seeking medical attention to avoid exposing others to this highly contagious virus.”

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

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