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Dear Families of Summer Youth Program Participants:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported that there have been 5 confirmed cases of measles in LA County. Even though no cases have been confirmed at USC, we want to ensure that all summer program participants are fully protected against this preventable and serious disease.

All participants without medical contraindications should have received two-doses of the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine before coming to campus. Children should get the MMR vaccine at 12-15 months of age and at 4-6 years of age. Unvaccinated older children, teens and adults should also get the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective at preventing measles, mumps and rubella.

Proof of vaccination should be submitted to your program director.

Unvaccinated summer program participants who do not have documentation of immunity may be excluded from programs during an outbreak of or after exposure to Measles. Participants may be required to leave campus at their own expense and are not eligible for a refund of program fees or other expenses.

Help us to keep our campus healthy this summer!

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