



# Moore Epi - Notes

**A quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers in Moore County**

## Changes in Immunization Law

Beginning July 1, 2015 all children entering kindergarten must have 5 doses of DTaP, 4 doses of Polio, 3-4 doses of HIB, 3 doses of Hep B, and 2 doses of Varicella vaccine. *\*Pneumococcal, Hep A and flu vaccines are recommended but not required for this age group by ACIP.*

Another change is for children entering 7th grade after July 1, 2015 or turning 12 years of age on or after July 1, 2015. Those children must have one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine. *\* These same children will need a booster of Meningococcal after their 16th birthday but before they enter 12th grade.*

## Facts to Consider

Exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) in the US has dropped by half between 1999 and 2012. However, one in four nonsmokers are still exposed to deadly SHS, according to a recent CDC study. The CDC states that there is no safe level of SHS exposure and that every year, SHS is associated with the deaths of over 400 infants and 41,000 adult non-smokers.

## Measles Update

In light of the multi-state measles outbreak that is continuing to spread here are a few reminders from the CDC:

Consider measles as a diagnosis in anyone with a febrile rash illness and clinically compatible symptoms (cough, coryza and/or conjunctivitis) who has recently traveled abroad or has been in contact with someone with a febrile rash illness. The incubation period for measles from exposure to fever is usually about 10 days (range, 7-12 days) and from exposure to rash onset is usually 14 days (range, 7-21 days).

Isolate suspected measles case-patients and immediately report cases to local health departments.

Obtain specimens for testing, including viral specimens for confirmation and genotyping.

For more information go to the CDC's Measles website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index>.

## Confirmed Reportable Cases

The following confirmed reportable cases occurred during the 4th quarter 2014.

Chlamydia- 48

Gonorrhea- 6

HIV- 1

Syphilis- 1

Salmonellosis- 7

Campylobacter- 2

Pertussis- 3

Cryptosporidiosis- 3

Shigellosis- 1

TB- no active TB cases at this

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*Please remember to report communicable diseases to the Health Department. Accurate reporting helps to stop the spread of disease and helps us to gain knowledge about the health of our community.*