

## **Measles Update**

The incubation period for any individuals exposed to the measles case identified by Toronto Public Health on May 7<sup>th</sup> has now passed with no additional cases being reported.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Director of Public Health for Quebec urged residents of that province to ensure they were vaccinated against measles. Quebec has identified over 200 cases of measles in May 2011. Most cases were related to the on-going measles outbreak in Europe but others were locally acquired.

Health care providers should continue to watch for signs and symptoms of measles, particularly in travellers recently returned from Europe. The signs and symptoms suggestive of measles include: fever, cough, coryza (runny nose), conjunctivitis, Koplik spots (punctate blue-white spots on the bright red background of the buccal mucosa), followed by a maculopapular rash which lasts about six days.

Measles vaccine (as a component of MMR vaccine) should be given to all adults; two doses are recommended for all children between 6 months and 18 years of age and is a requirement for school attendance in Ontario. Individuals who are travelling should be directed to the Public Health Agency of Canada at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/thn-csv/measles-rougeole-eng.php> for information on measles precautions.

**Any suspect measles cases should be immediately reported to the Medical Officer of Health by calling our surveillance unit at 416-392-7411 during work hours or at 3-1-1 after hours.**

TPH has recently launched a website for Health Professionals. Please visit this website at <http://www.toronto.ca/health/professionals> and register to receive public health information.