

NYE COUNTY AGENDA INFORMATION FORM

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Department: Board of Health		Agenda Date:	
Category: Regular Agenda Item		May 21, 2019	
Contact: Henry Melton		Phone: 775-482-8151	Continued from meeting of:
Return to:	Location:	Phone:	
Action requested: (Include what, with whom, when, where, why, how much (\$) and terms) Presentation by Nye County Public Health Officer, Henry Melton regarding: 1) Nye County's Health Ranking; 2) the measles outbreak in the United States and abroad; and 3) recommendations.			
Complete description of requested action: (Include, if applicable, background, impact, long-term commitment, existing county policy, future goals, obtained by competitive bid, accountability measures)			
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ITEM # 12

Nye County Health Officer Presentation

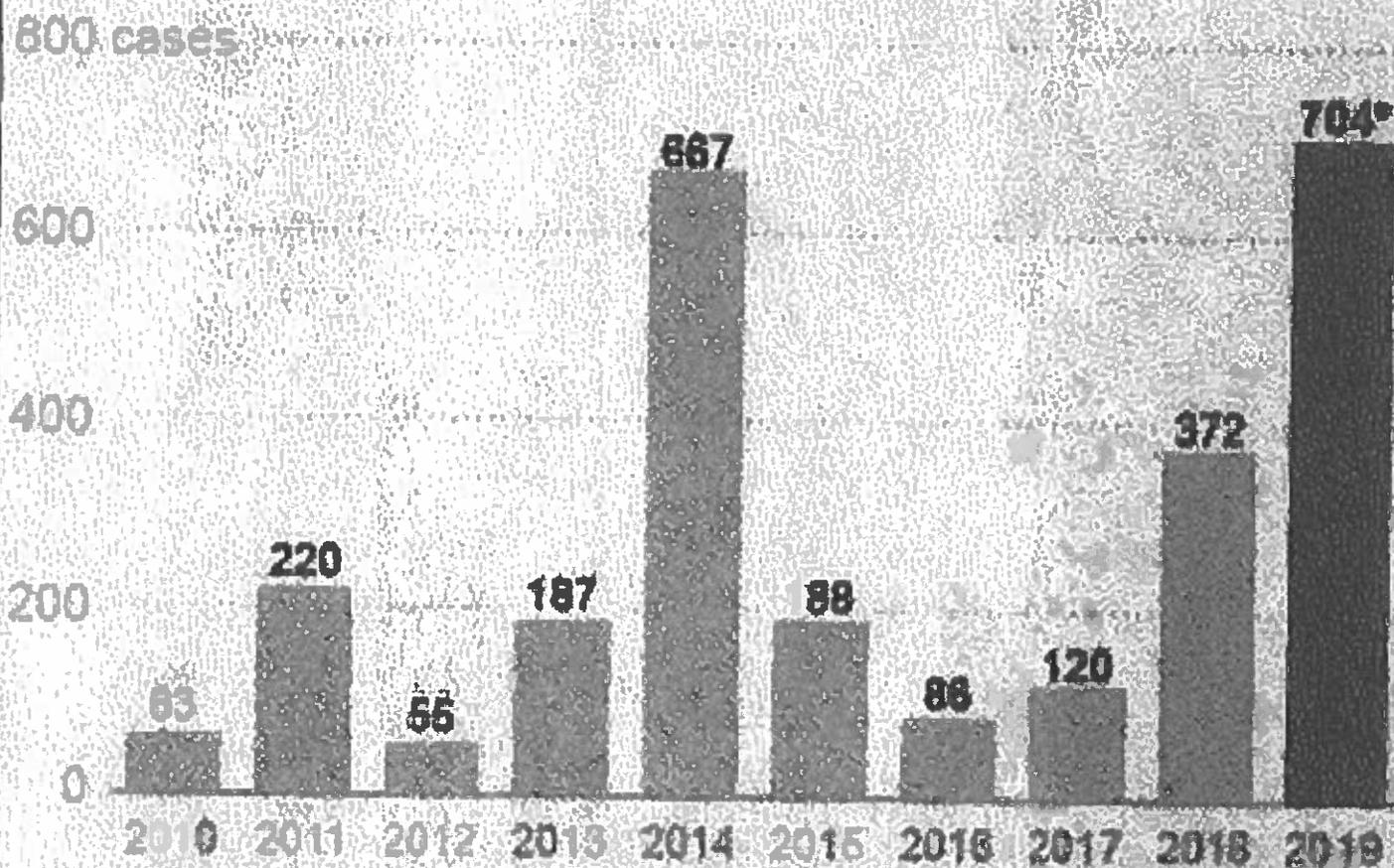
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The presentation before the BOCC will include the following topics.

1. Update the County Health Ranking
 - a. Nye County moved from 16-15 on a list of 17 Counties
 - b. Impact variables:
 - i. Reporting Methodology
 - ii. More Med Pros
 - iii. Health & Human Service
 - iv. Other Health Assets
2. Update on the measles outbreak in the US & International
 - a. CDC Measles Cases 704
 - b. Local Outbreaks: SNHD (1)
 - c. Regional Outbreaks: UCLA & Cal State LA
 - d. Regional Outbreaks: Washington State
 - e. International Outbreaks: Berlin
3. Recommendations
4. Q & A

Rising number of US measles cases

This year is shaping up as the worst in years for measles cases, according to federal health officials.



*As of April 26

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Schools careful amid measles outbreak

L.A. universities tell many to stay home or quarantine them

By John Rogers
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than 1,000 students and staff members at two Los Angeles universities were quarantined on campus or sent home this week in one of the most sweeping efforts yet by public health authorities to contain the spread of measles in the U.S., where cases have reached a 25-year high.

By Friday afternoon, two days after Los Angeles County ordered the precautions, about 325 of those affected had been cleared to return after proving their immunity to the disease, through either medical records or tests, health officials said.

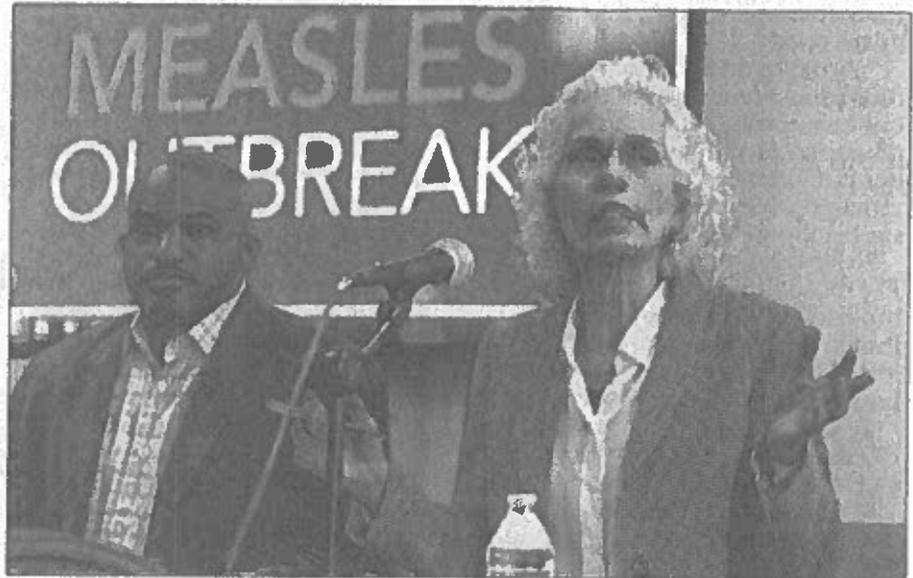
The action at the University of California, Los Angeles, and California State University, Los Angeles — which together have more than 65,000 students — reflected the seriousness with which public health officials are taking the nation's outbreak.

"Measles actually kills people. So we have to take that really seriously," said Dr. Armand Dorian, chief medical officer at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Those under the quarantine were instructed to stay at home and avoid contact with others. They also were barred from traveling by public transportation, including planes, trains, buses or taxis. If they must travel for an emergency, they were told to notify public health officials first.

"This is a legally binding order," the county's public health director, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, told reporters.

Anyone who violates it could be prosecuted, she said, but she added that it appears everyone is cooperating so far. She didn't describe what penalties those who don't could face.



Damian Dovarganes The Associated Press
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health experts Muntu Davis, left, and Dr. Barbara Ferrer answer questions Friday regarding the measles response and quarantine orders during a news conference in Los Angeles.

SNHA: Local reports rare

Over the past two years, only one case of measles has been reported in Southern Nevada, according to the Southern Nevada Health District.

In March, a tourist from another country was diagnosed with measles while visiting Clark County.

The health district warned that people who were in the Treasure Island lobby on March 9 and the Desert Springs Hospital emergency department on March 10 and 11 may have been exposed.

It can take up to 21 days after exposure for symptoms to appear.

Max Michor Las Vegas Review-Journal

The number of measles cases in the U.S. has climbed to nearly 700 this year, including five in Los Angeles County and 38 altogether in California. The surge is blamed largely on parents not getting their children vaccinated because of misinformation about the supposed dangers.

Still, several students at Cal State-LA were shocked that their campus could be hit by a measles outbreak.

"When they were like, measles, I was like, 'What? Where did that come from,'" said Sergio Dula, a

communications major.

Eden Guerra, a kinesiology major, was surprised classes weren't canceled, noting, "This is, like, serious; like, it's life, you know?"

Cal State-LA reported 875 students, staff, faculty and visitors were placed under quarantine after possibly being exposed to measles this month. About 250 had been cleared by Friday after proving they are immune.

At UCLA, 129 students and faculty were quarantined. All but 46 had been cleared by Friday.

Cal State-LA is primarily a commuter school, while many UCLA students live on campus. Some UCLA students were provided a quarantine area to stay in, university officials said, though they gave no details. Only one person remained there Friday.

Those covered by the quarantine were singled out based on their possible exposure to either an infected UCLA student who had attended classes in two buildings on three days this month, or a person with measles who visited a Cal State-LA library on April 11, officials said.

Measles outbreak in Wash. over at last after four months

By Gillian Flaccus
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A measles outbreak that sickened more than 70 people, mostly children, in the Pacific Northwest is finally over, even as the total number of cases nationwide continues to spike to near-record levels, officials said Monday.

Six weeks have passed without a new infection in southwestern Washington state, where the outbreak began Jan. 3, said Dr. Alan Melnick, head of the Clark County public health department.

A total of 71 people were infected. The tally does not include a handful of cases in Portland, Oregon, and Seattle that were linked to the outbreak's epicenter.

Authorities elsewhere struggled with the most measles cases in the U.S. since 1994.

Across the country, 704 cases have been reported in 22 states as of Monday, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A large outbreak in the New York City area has stymied public health officials, and 271 students at two major California universities remained quarantined after possible exposure, down from 800 students last week.

In Washington state, the outbreak began four months ago when measles was confirmed in a child who had traveled from Ukraine to the U.S. Authorities could not determine,

however, whether the child was the source of the outbreak.

It spread quickly among unvaccinated children. Ninety-three percent of the cases were in people under 18, and 86 percent of patients were unvaccinated, while 14 percent had just one dose of a two-dose series of shots or didn't know their vaccination status.

The outbreak cost nearly \$1 million and 19,000 hours of staffing time to contain and affected 53 public places, including schools, hospitals, airports, stores and restaurants in both Washington and Oregon, officials said.

The outbreak prompted a public conversation in Washington and Oregon about routine childhood vaccines.

The two liberal-leaning states have some of the nation's highest state-wide vaccine exemption rates.

Four percent of Washington secondary school students have nonmedical vaccine exemptions. In Oregon, 7.5 percent of kindergarteners in 2018 were missing shots for nonmedical reasons.

In Washington state, lawmakers sent a bill to Gov. Jay Inslee that would tighten exemption rules for the mumps, measles and rubella shots. In Oregon, lawmakers will vote on removing families' ability to opt out of required school vaccinations for personal, philosophical or religious reasons.

BERLIN

German minister mulls fines for not vaccinating

Germany's health minister proposed fines for parents of school-age children who haven't been vaccinated for measles amid concern that the highly contagious and potentially deadly disease could make a comeback.

In an interview published Sunday with German weekly Bild am Sonntag, minister Jens Spahn said parents who can't prove their children have been vaccinated for measles should have to pay up to \$2,790.

He also proposed that children without vaccinations be banned from daycare facilities.

Spahn's proposal has yet to be discussed by the Cabinet.



Jens Spahn