**CDPH MEASLES NOTIFICATION LETTER TEMPLATE 2 FOR PARENT OF CHILD WHO ATTENDS THE SAME SCHOOL AS A MEASLES CASE**

*(Date)*

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that a child with measles was present at *(your child’s school)* on *(dates).* Measles spreads very easily by air and nonimmune people can become infected simply being in the same room with someone who has measles, even after the infectious person has left the room. We do not believe your child was in the same room or in close contact with the child with measles. However, because measles is so contagious we want you to provide you with information.

Usually about 14 days (but the range is 7-21 days) after exposure, measles symptoms begin with a mild to moderate fever accompanied by cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. Two or three days later, the fever spikes, often as high as 104-105°F. At the same time, a red rash appears, first on the face, along the hairline and behind the ears. The rash rapidly spreads downward to the chest and back and, finally, to the thighs and feet. Most children with measles are sick enough to miss at least a week of school. One in every 20 people with measles develops pneumonia and, more rarely, serious, even life-threatening complications can occur.

Your child is at risk of developing measles if she/he has never had the disease or has not been immunized against measles. This is also true for anyone of any age who has never had measles or the immunization if they are exposed to someone with measles.

Two doses of measles vaccine, which is given in combination with rubella and mumps vaccines (MMR), is recommended for school-aged children. If your child has not received MMR vaccine or has only received one dose, we recommend that you contact your healthcare provider for immunization as soon as possible.If you do not have a healthcare provider, your child may receive the immunization for a fee at the *(Name of County)* Public Health Clinic located at (*address)* on (*days) from (opening time) to (closing time).*.

**If your child develops an illness with fever (101°F or more), cough, runny nose or red eyes, with or without rash,** contact your healthcare provider for diagnosis and treatment, and keep your child at home until he/she has been cleared by a doctor to return. If you have any questions call the *(Name of County)* Health Department, at *(telephone number)*.

Sincerely,

*(Health Officer’s Name)*

*(County*) Health Officer