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**Fwd: [Faculty & Staff] Important Communication About Vaccinations and Prevention of Health Risks**

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**From:** Marichal Gentry <wmgentry@sewanee.edu>**Date:** May 7, 2019 at 3:35:17 PM EDT**To:** "Faculty/Staff" <facultystaff@sewanee.edu>**Subject:** [Faculty & Staff] Important Communication About Vaccinations and Prevention of Health Risks**Reply-To:** wmgentry@sewanee.edu

Dear Colleagues,

The University Health Service (UHS) is closely monitoring current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updates about measles outbreaks across the country. We are aware of five diagnosed cases centered in eastern Tennessee. Two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine are required for matriculation to Sewanee. However, we want to encourage faculty and staff to consult with your healthcare provider about your immunity status.

The CDC regards two doses of the MMR vaccine or confirmation of immunity via a blood test (titer) as proof of immunity. The CDC considers people born prior to 1957 immune due to likely exposure. *However*, please be aware that if you work with students and cannot confirm immunity, a titer or booster might be indicated due to the higher risk of exposure associated with residential campus settings. We encourage you to discuss this with your healthcare provider.

If you were born in the 1960s, you may need to have blood titers drawn to determine immunity based on the type of MMR vaccination you received. We encourage all faculty and staff to locate your records and/or confirm your immunity status with your healthcare provider so that, should an outbreak occur in our region, that information is available for the health department and we have all done our best to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

If you are planning personal or University-related domestic or international travel this summer or fall, it is important to be aware of any outbreaks that occur in the areas in which you plan to travel. Please check the CDC travel link at the bottom of the list of links below.

For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/faqs.html>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/04/29/716894110/measles-shots-arent-just-for-kids-many-adults-could-use-a-booster-too>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/30/health/adults-measles-vaccination.html?action=click&module=Discovery&pgtype=Homepage>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Thank you for your time and attention,

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