



# Grant County Health Department

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To: Medical Professionals  
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Director/Health Officer

## **RE: Mumps in Grant County Update**

Please be aware that there are at least three confirmed cases of mumps in Grant County (as of October 30, 2015). I would like to remind you that suspect cases of mumps should be reported to the local health department as soon as possible for follow up. We can be reached 24/7. If you are testing an individual for mumps they should be reported. If you have a college student whose permanent address is outside of Grant County but they are staying in Grant County for school, please report them and provide us (and the lab) with their Grant County address and contact information. Anyone suspected of having mumps should be isolated. Isolation is required from the day of onset of parotid swelling plus five days after (for a total of up to six days depending on when they present for care). Note that individuals with mumps can also spread illness two days prior to parotid swelling.

We are strongly encouraging area providers to send samples to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for PCR testing. The quick turnaround time that they can offer will speed up follow up activities. I have included information on testing as an attachment. Serum testing is not recommended. Also, you should consider testing for influenza.

We are setting up targeted MMR immunization clinics and can also assist with those in need of MMR that were likely exposed to a known case OR do not have any insurance coverage for MMR vaccine.

Grant County Health Department would like to thank you for your expertise, efforts, and assistance in promoting and protecting the health of Grant County residents. If you have any questions regarding this matter or if we can be of assistance with any other issues please do not hesitate to contact us at (608) 723-6416 or visit [www.co.grant.wi.gov](http://www.co.grant.wi.gov)

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