



# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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## **Measles Case Identified in Archuleta County: Staying Informed and Protected**

Southern Ute Indian Reservation - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD), and the Silver Thread Public Health District have confirmed a case of measles in an adult resident of Archuleta County. We are sharing this information to ensure the Tribal Membership is informed and can take proactive steps to protect themselves.

*While measles is highly contagious, it is also highly preventable.* The MMR vaccine (measles, mumps, and rubella) offers excellent protection. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are about 97% effective in preventing measles. Vaccination is the most effective way to safeguard yourself, your family, and our community.

To make vaccination easily accessible, the Southern Ute Health Center is offering the MMR vaccine through Tribal Health. If you were born before 1957, you may already have immunity and not require the vaccine. If you are unsure about your immunity status or have any questions, please contact Tribal Health at 970-563-4581 for guidance.

We encourage everyone to be aware of measles symptoms, which can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash

Staying informed and taking proactive steps, such as vaccination, helps ensure our community's well-being. We are working diligently to monitor the situation and provide accurate information.

Additional Information:

- Archuleta County Public Health: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/776/Public-Health-Alerts>
- Stay informed with CPDHE: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/diseases-a-to-z/measles>
- General Information from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>

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