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Dear Camp Operator,

New York State is experiencing the largest outbreak of measles since 1993. Ongoing transmission continues in the current outbreak areas of the State and may spread throughout communities this summer affecting children's camps, including campers, staff members and volunteers. Attached is guidance on responding to a suspected case of measles at a children's camp.

- *Measles Reference Guide for Camp Operators* providing a summary of recommendations to help prevent and identify measles and limit its impact at camps.
- *Camp Infirmary Measles Poster* that outlines the symptoms of measles and steps that should be taken if an individual develops measles symptoms. Please complete the bottom portion of the poster with the appropriate contact information prior to distribution to camp operators in your jurisdiction.
- *Camper/Staff Measles Immunization Record Template* provided for maintaining a list of measles immunization status for campers, staff and volunteers. The template is not required for use by camps, but if not used the camp should have a similar mechanism for identifying those without documented proof of measles immunity.

The NYS Health Department will be providing a statewide webinar for camp operators on June 12, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The webinar will provide an overview of measles, the Department's recommendations, and expected response to a case of measles at a children's camp. The link is below and we strongly encourage you to attend.

How to Prevent the Spread of Measles in Children's Camps

Wednesday June 12th, 2019

11:00am-12:00pm Link for registration:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=e20afe0ef7f2fd09848b092bc9e7adc>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your Inspector.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Burdick".

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