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To: Primary Care Providers, Hospitals, Colleges in Cumberland County

From: City of Portland HHSD, Public Health Division

This alert serves as an update to a Health Alert Network advisory issued by the MeCDC on 11-19-07 regarding mumps cases in Maine. As of 11-28-07, 8 confirmed cases of mumps have been identified in the state. Four of the 8 confirmed cases were identified in residents of three towns within Cumberland County, and one of the 4 cases in Cumberland County involved a college student attending USM, Gorham. The MeCDC has also identified 6 suspect cases of mumps within Cumberland County; confirmatory lab tests are pending. Appropriate measures are being taken to prevent the spread of disease. The MeCDC is working closely with colleges, hospitals, and schools to ensure revised vaccine recommendations are implemented (see 11-19-07 HAN for recommendations). Healthcare providers in Cumberland County should remain vigilant and report all suspect cases of mumps to the MeCDC at 1-800-821-5821. Please visit the City of Portland Public Health website at <http://publichealth.portlandmaine.gov> for frequent updates.