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Dear Stockton Community,

Many of you have seen the media reports about the measles disease outbreak in the United States. Currently, there is one confirmed case of the measles in the State of New Jersey. There are no known cases at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Stockton College officials are closely monitoring the situation and will keep the campus informed of any important updates. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the current outbreak began in December 2014 and as of January 30, 2015, 102 people from 14 states were reported to have the measles.

Measles is highly contagious and is spread from person to person through the air. Colleges with close living and dining quarters are more susceptible to the transmission of the disease, which increases the chance of outbreaks. For this reason, the State of New Jersey requires that all college students have received two doses of a live measles-containing vaccine that was administered on or after the student’s first birthday and no less than one month apart. If you are not sure if you have received these vaccinations please check with your family health care provider.

Symptoms of the measles generally appear 7 to 14 days after a person is infected and can include high fever, cough, runny nose, red watery eyes, rash, and/or koplak spots. If you believe that you have been exposed to someone with the measles or that you have contracted the measles, contact your family physician for an appointment. If it is determined that you have the disease, please notify the Office of Health Services immediately at 609.652.4701. For more information about the disease visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

The Office of Health Services will again be offering an immunization clinic in the near future and information will be posted as soon as the date is secured. If you have further questions, please contact Health Services at 609.652.4701 Monday – Friday between 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Sincerely,

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