

Measles Preparedness

Due to outbreaks of measles in the United States, Barton Community College is taking proactive efforts to be prepared to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Thus, **Barton is requesting students provide documentation with presumptive evidence of immunity to measles.**

Acceptable documents for post-high school educational institutions include:

- Documentation of age appropriate vaccination consisting of 2 doses of live measles virus-containing vaccine after 1 year of age, separated by minimum of 28 days.
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (consists of blood titer for measles).
- Laboratory confirmation of disease

In the event of a measles outbreak/investigation, Barton County Health Department will utilize the following Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) guidelines:

- Individuals with presumptive evidence of immunity document
 - Continue with daily activities with no interruptions
 - Counseled and provided symptoms information
 - Immediate notification to health care provider (Student Health Nurse) of possible symptoms or concerns

- Individuals with NO presumptive evidence of immunity document
 - **Quarantine mandated.** Remains until 21 days after the last known active case
Measles has an incubation period of 10 to 14 days. Time in Quarantine determined by the number of confirmed cases and the timeframe between cases. Assessed time has potential for longevity
 - Quarantine means you are not allowed out of your room and unable to mingle on campus. No meals in cafeteria, no classes, no practice etc.
 - For noncompliance, KDHE has authority to insure this quarantine, including involvement of law enforcement if needed.
 - Determined by KDHE as to whether students could travel and stay at home during this time. Probability of remaining on campus significant due to concern of possible exposure of measles to other communities.

- Exposed individual requests vaccine
 - Vaccination series started
 - Quarantine remains until series of 2 vaccines completed (minimum of 1 month following first injection to the completion of series or second vaccine)

- Individuals with active case of measles
 - **Strict isolation** for 10 to 14 days
 - Daily check-in from Barton staff to monitor recovery and limited cafeteria delivery to room

___ I have read and fully understand the contents of this document.

___ I have received an information sheet explaining the measles, including symptoms, treatment and prevention.

___ I acknowledge that at this time, I am unable to provide the necessary documents.

___ I acknowledge an understanding of the implications in the event I would be included in a measles investigation conducted by the Barton County Health Department working as agents of Kansas Department of Health and Environment per Kansas law KAR 26-1-6, and agree to comply with any regulations or requirements concerning quarantine and/or isolation for measles placed on me by the authority of the Barton County Health Department and/or Barton Community College.

___ I understand further questions concerning measles vaccine and issues related to possible quarantine/isolation can be directed to Student Health Services.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME

WITNESS

DATE

