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Measles cases on rise in Kansas

**(KNZA)--The number of measles cases in Kansas this year now stands at six.**

**The update from the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment on Thursday came one week after the state recorded its first case of measles since 2018.**

**According to KDHE data, the cases are in Stevens and Grant counties, in the southwest part of the state.**

**All of the patients are under the age of 18 and were unvaccinated. No hospitalizations have been reported.**

**Measles symptoms often start with flu-like signs including a high fever, cough, and watery eyes, followed by a red rash that typically begins on the face and spreads downward.**

**State health officials say the best way to protect yourself against measles is to get vaccinated.**

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