

Over 90 hospitalized after measles vaccination in east Ukraine 12:40 | 18/ 05/ 2008

KIEV, May 18 (RIA Novosti) - A total of 92 people, including 87 children, were hospitalized in eastern Ukraine as of early Sunday after measles vaccination, Ukraine's emergencies ministry said.

On May 13, a 17-year-old boy died after measles inoculation in the Donetsk Region. Two days later, over 60 people in eastern Ukraine were hospitalized after vaccination. A total of over 20,000 people in the region received the same vaccine.

Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko said he was concerned over the teenager's death and demanded from the Ukrainian health ministry to take all measures to prevent such instances in the future.

By now, measles immunization has been halted in Ukraine.

Measles in Ukraine

- How would you react in your country?
- Would you ask for more information?
 - What?
 - Whom?
 - How?
- Would you propose to halt vaccination?

Measles in Ukraine

- Vaccine against measles and rubella (Tresivac ZA 26-X): from the Indian enterprise Serum Institute of India, which had been delivered to Ukraine as humanitarian aid by UNICEF
- Prosecutor-General's Office filed a criminal case against the former Ukrainian chief sanitary doctor, for abuse of power, when he allowed to import and use an Indian vaccine against measles and rubella without any registration and clinical tests.

Measles in Ukraine

WHO, UNICEF and CDC reiterate that the measles and rubella vaccine used in Ukraine is pre-qualified by WHO and produced in accordance with the highest international standards by the Serum Institute of India, the largest producer of measles and rubella vaccine globally. Two out of three children in the world are immunized against measles with vaccine from this manufacturer. This measles–rubella vaccine has an excellent track record and has been successfully used in countries across Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), immunizing over 34 million young people. The rubella vaccine from the same manufacturer has been used in Ukraine since 2002, successfully vaccinating over 1.3 million people.

Food borne disease in Madrid

- June 5, Hospital X notifies a suspected case of botulism
- Male, 32. Onset 21 May. Hospitalized 3 June
- Suspected product: Commercial brand of “Pasta with chicken” from international supermarket chain
 - Bought 16 May and stored at room temperature
 - Eaten 20 May. Container convex and bad smell
 - No lefts over
 - Label: 30 days Keep refrigerated (0°-4°C)
3 minute microwave

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- Would you propose any immediate public health action? Why?
- What information would you need for further decision making?
- Would you consider any national and/or international communication at this stage?

Food borne disease in Madrid

- June 6, No other similar case identified in Spain nor in France (HQ of the supermarket chain)
- June 8, Results patient's lab negative
Results product from supermarket pending