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Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons:

We write to request detailed information regarding the reported measles outbreak¹ affecting individuals at the Florence Detention Center and the Florence Correctional Center in Florence, Arizona. We are greatly concerned about the health risk to detained individuals, detention center staff and the broader community.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can spread rapidly in congregate settings. It is critical that your agencies act swiftly, transparently, and in coordination with federal, state and local public health authorities to contain the outbreak and prevent further spread.

We request written responses to the following questions no later than February 19, 2026. Please ensure that all responses reflect information dating from the start of the current outbreak to the present.

Scope and Current Status

1. When was the first suspected and first confirmed case of measles identified at each facility?
2. How many confirmed and suspected cases have been identified to date at the Florence Detention Center and the Florence Correctional Center? Have any staff tested positive?
3. How many individuals have been exposed or are currently being monitored for symptoms?
4. How many individuals have experienced complications, including pneumonia or encephalitis?

Medical Capacity and Response

5. Who is providing medical care? What is the contractor's name, credentials, and staffing levels?
6. Are licensed physicians on site?
7. Where are patients with complications being treated?

Mitigation Measures

8. What isolation, quarantine, and infection-control measures have been implemented at each facility? Are isolation and quarantine spaces separate from punitive segregation?
9. Please describe the frequency of medical checks, showers, fresh air, and phone access given to isolated detainees.
10. How are medically vulnerable individuals including those who are immunocompromised, pregnant, or unable to receive vaccination, being identified and protected?

¹ Measles confirmed among immigration detainees in Pinal County, *The Arizona Republic* (azcentral.com), January 28, 2026, <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/immigration/2026/01/28/measles-confirmed-among-immigration-detainees-in-pinal-county/88381998007/>

11. Have any transfers or releases of individuals been paused or modified to prevent further spread?
12. How is spread being prevented in shared bathrooms, vents, dining, and transport?
13. Have new intakes been paused?

Access to Legal Representation

14. Have quarantine, isolation, lockdown, or movement-restriction measures related to the measles outbreak affected detained individuals' access to legal counsel, legal visitation, confidential communications, or court proceedings? If so, how?
15. What steps have DHS and facility operators taken to ensure that both sick and healthy individuals in custody maintain meaningful access to legal representation during the outbreak, including access to attorneys, legal mail, and remote or in-person legal visits?

Staffing, Resources and Transparency

16. When were local and state public health authorities notified?
17. Have additional resources—medical personnel, vaccines, testing supplies, or funding—been requested or deployed to address the outbreak?
18. Are symptomatic staff required to stay home without penalty?
19. How are staff and detained individuals being informed about the outbreak, available medical care, and their rights to treatment? What training have staff received on measles transmission and symptoms?
20. What after-action review will be conducted? Will you commit to public reporting of findings?
21. What steps are being taken to prevent similar outbreaks in the future at these and other federal detention facilities?

Vaccinations

22. What percentage of detainees were vaccinated against measles upon intake?
23. Are MMR vaccines offered immediately to unvaccinated detainees and staff?
24. Are vaccines offered voluntarily, free of charge, and without retaliation?

It is critically important that your agencies respond to this outbreak with urgency and transparency. We look forward to receiving your written responses to the above questions.

Sincerely,



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