



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

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Measles Prevention and Healthy Community Living Awareness Campaign

City of Perth Amboy Launches Awareness Campaign as Agencies Gather to Discuss Prevention

Perth Amboy, New Jersey (April 25, 2019) – Mayor Wilda Diaz hosted to host a panel discussion with doctors and medical professionals of the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) on Measles prevention and healthy community living.

The City of Perth Amboy and the JRMC have partnered to bring awareness and education to local residents on vaccinations, travel, contact and spread of measles, as officials issued a warning on possible measles exposure at an Englishtown restaurant on Monday, April 22. **There are currently no cases of Measles reported in the City of Perth Amboy.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of Measles cases have increased significantly in 2019. The CDC has issued the following information, from January 1 to April 19, 2019, 626 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 22 states. This is an increase of 71 cases from the previous week. This is the second-greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since measles was eliminated in 2000, second only to the 667 cases reported during all of 2014. In the coming weeks, 2019 confirmed case numbers will likely surpass 2014 levels.

“These are the alarming facts and today we are joined by the clinical staff of the JRMC to address the concerns that our surrounding communities are currently facing, as we take a proactive approach to securing our communities wellness and public health. We wanted to partner with the JRMC because this federally qualified healthcare facility reaches some of the most vulnerable populations. They have cared after and treated patients in our community for over 20 years and it is key to get the message out to our loved ones. The important message of getting checked and seeking medical attention for prevention,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

“For over 20 years, the JRMC, has been providing education, resources, and preventive care and personal health management to the City of Perth Amboy and its neighboring communities”, stated John T. O’Leary, JRMC’s Chief Executive Officer. “Each year, the need for education and awareness for vaccinations increases. As part of our ongoing mission we are happy to collaborate with the city on JRMC’s outreach on education and awareness to save lives,” Jack L. O’Leary, CEO of the JRMC.



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*Thursday, April 25, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.
Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street*

9:35 a.m.	OPENING & WELCOME	John T. O'Leary, CEO <i>JRMC</i>
9:40 a.m.	REMARKS	Hon., Wilda Diaz, Mayor <i>City of Perth Amboy</i>
9:45 a.m.	PANELISTS (5-7 minutes ea.)	<u>JRMC Clinical Staff</u>
		Dr. Darlene Forbes, M.D., JRMC <i>Department of Pediatrics</i>
9:52 a.m.		Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet, M.D., JRMC <i>Department of Internal Medicine</i>
10:00 a.m.		Ms. Daniela Gonzales, Clinical Lead <i>Department of Internal Medicine</i>
10:07 a.m.		Q&A