**MUMPS HEALTH ALERT**

Mumps cases are on the rise. From January 2016 through June 2017, there were 150 mumps outbreaks consisting of 9,200 cases with a median age of 21, according to the CDC. Half of the outbreaks occurred in university settings. To address this public health problem, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviewed the available evidence and determined that a third dose of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and effective at preventing mumps. During its October 2017 meeting, ACIP recommended a third dose of a mumps virus–containing vaccine for persons previously vaccinated with 2 doses who are identified by public health authorities as being part of a group or population at increased risk for acquiring mumps because of an outbreak. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6701a7.htm>

Although we have not had any confirmed cases at Lafayette College, Dr. Goldstein is strongly recommending students receive the third measles, mumps, rubella (MMR).

This immunization is available at the Bailey Health Center.

**More Information**

Please visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more information about mumps.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mumps/>