



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Nathaniel Smith, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health

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Dear Faculty and Staff working on the U of A Fayetteville campus:

We are writing to let you know that two incubation periods (52 days) have passed since the last reported case of mumps on the U of A Fayetteville campus. Therefore, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is declaring the mumps outbreak over as of February 10, 2020.

Therefore, the mandate requiring two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine—or documented immunity—is no longer in effect. This means faculty and staff who have been excluded from campus due to an exemption or lack of documented immunity may now return to work on campus. This includes everyone who works on campus: U of A staff and employees, as well as employees of other organizations that work on the Fayetteville campus.

We also want to thank you for your cooperation in this effort to protect as many people as possible from the mumps. We know it has been quite an endeavor and has taken a significant amount of time to submit records, check immunity, and attend ADH vaccination clinics. Despite this, the vast majority of you working on the U of A Fayetteville campus offered your cooperation in this effort to end the outbreak, and we are sincerely grateful.

Since we want everyone to be as protected as possible from future cases of mumps, we encourage you, if you have had only one dose of MMR vaccine so far, to receive a second dose. This will also be helpful in the event the campus experiences a future outbreak.

ADH will hold the planned on-campus vaccination clinics on Wednesday, February 19, and Thursday, February 20, in the Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you choose to get your second MMR vaccine dose from your medical provider or a local pharmacy, please submit your proof of vaccination (with your full name and date of birth) the same way as before using this link: <https://adhredcap.arkansas.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=W8EH3Y4PTC>. This will help establish a permanent record of your vaccine dose.

We thank you again for your cooperation in ending this outbreak of mumps. It could not have been achieved without your help.

Sincerely,

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