



# Thea Bowman Leadership Academy

**April 10, 2025**

**Subject:** Important Health Notification – Measles Outbreak in Indiana

Dear TBLA Family,

We are writing to inform you of a recent **measles outbreak** reported in the state of Indiana. While no cases have been identified at Thea Bowman Leadership Academy at this time, we are taking proactive steps to ensure the health and safety of all scholars and staff.

In collaboration with the **Gary Department of Health** and the **Indiana Department of Health**, we are closely monitoring the situation and following all recommended protocols and procedures. It is important that our families are aware of our response plan should a case of measles—or any **vaccine-preventable disease**—occur at our school.

**Please be advised of the following:**

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, **any scholar who is not fully vaccinated may be excluded from school** to help prevent further spread of illness. This measure is intended to protect both your child and the greater TBLA community.

The **length of exclusion** from school will depend on the specific disease and the guidance provided by public health authorities.

During any period of exclusion, Thea Bowman Leadership Academy is committed to supporting your child's education. We will provide **instructional materials and resources** to ensure that your child continues to learn and remains on track for successful completion of coursework.

We strongly encourage all families to review their child's vaccination records and consult with your healthcare provider or school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued partnership in keeping our school community safe and healthy. If you have further questions, please contact our school nurse or the Gary Health Department.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Marlon R. Mitchell**

Superintendent

Thea Bowman Leadership Academy