Central Ohio mumps outbreak tops 200 cases

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Public health officials say a mumps outbreak in central Ohio has grown to more than 200 confirmed cases.

The total as of Monday was 212 cases of the contagious viral illness, with 132 of those linked to Ohio State University. That includes 96 students and 13 staff members.

Local health agencies say those infected range in age from 9 months to 70 years old. The cases span from early January to late last week.

Mumps often starts with fever, fatigue and body aches. Those infected are urged to stay home, cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing, and frequently wash their hands.

Officials have urged residents of the region to make sure they've been inoculated with two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine.

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