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Montcalm County infant dies Haemophilus influenza type b Meningitis possible cause

Stanton- The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) was informed this morning of the death of a one- year-old Montcalm County infant. The death is believed to be caused from complications of Haemophilus influenza type b Meningitis.

Due to privacy concerns, the name of the child is not being released, but if you know you had recent contact with the child, you are asked to contact your doctor immediately. Recent contacts include the following:

- Household contacts
- People who shared drinks with the child
- People that had close intimate contact (including emergency medical personnel)
- Workers who cared for the child at a daycare center

Haemophilus influenza is a bacterium that can cause a severe infection, occurring mostly in infants and children younger than five years of age. It can cause lifelong disability and be deadly.

Haemophilus influenza causes different symptoms, depending on which part of the body is affected. The most common severe types of Haemophilus influenzae disease are pneumonia (lung infection), bacteremia (bloodstream infection), and meningitis (infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord).

Mid-Michigan District Health Department serves the residents of Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.

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