

VIRGINIA BEACH

Officials confirm measles case

Elementary school student had recently traveled abroad

By John Buzbee
Staff writer

A child enrolled at a Hampton Roads elementary school was confirmed by officials Thursday morning to have contracted measles.

The Virginia Department of Health in a Wednesday night release said the child, aged 5 to 12, was the fourth in Virginia to get the highly contagious disease after traveling abroad.

The child is a student of Trantwood Elementary School in Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach Public School officials said the illness was onset the second day of school, Aug. 26.

“The health of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us,” a letter addressed to families and staff of the school said on Wednesday. “Please know we are working very closely with the Virginia Department of Health to address this situation.”

Normal school operations would remain in place Thursday for those who had been vaccinated, the letter added. Unvaccinated students and staff were told not to attend school through Sept. 16.

Students who ride Bus 21, which school officials said serves Trantwood Elementary, Linkhorn Park Elementary and Lynnhaven Middle School, may be affected by the illness.

School-aged children with the mumps, measles and rubella vaccine, also called the MMR vaccine, are protected from measles, health officials said. Still, those with the vaccine may get measles if exposed to the virus, though health officials said they can usually expect more mild symptoms.

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Monopiles for Dominion Energy’s offshore wind turbine project sit at the Portsmouth Marine Terminal on Tuesday. President Donald Trump’s administration recently withdrew \$39 million from Fairwinds Landing, an offshore wind and shipbuilding project in Norfolk. KENDALL WARNER/STAFF

‘SLEDGEHAMMER APPROACH’ HURTS

2 Hampton Roads wind energy grants were canceled after \$20M already spent

By Trevor Metcalfe
Staff writer

A Norfolk maritime facility tied to the region’s nascent offshore wind industry plans to shift part of its operational plans after President Donald Trump’s administration killed a \$39 million grant.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced last week his agency was withdrawing from or terminating \$679 million in

funding for 12 projects related to offshore wind energy.

The canceled funding includes a \$39 million grant for Fairwinds Landing, a more-than \$500 million maritime facility in Norfolk’s Lamberts Point connected to shipbuilding, ship repair and offshore wind.

Fairwinds Landing leaders are now asking the Department of Transportation’s U.S. Maritime Administration, or MARAD, to

reconsider the cuts, said Mike Hopkins, the project’s managing director.

“Our revised project, which we recently submitted to MARAD in response to their request, will help restore America’s maritime dominance and focuses on rebuilding America’s shipbuilding and maritime industrial base in line with MARAD’s current priorities,” Hopkins said in an emailed statement.

Hopkins did not elaborate on how the project had changed and did not respond to an email asking for details.

The list also included a termination of \$20 million in upgrades to the Portsmouth Marine Terminal to convert the space into a deep water terminal currently being used as a staging area for Dominion Energy’s Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project. However, Port of Virginia spokesperson Joe Harris said the money from the grant has already been spent on the upgrades.

“The federal government’s Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant was

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NEWPORT NEWS



The Newport News Planning Commission voted to add stricter rules on where new vape shops can operate. BILLY SCHUERMAN/STAFF

City moves to tighten rules for vape shops

Planning Commission backs more regulations on new ones opening

By Devlin Epding
Staff writer

Newport News may soon enact stricter regulations for vape shops, which have popped

up across the city in recent years.

In a 5-3 vote Wednesday, the Newport News Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning rules that would add regulations on new vape shops. The ordinance creates new regulations and guidelines for new vape shops,

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Cyberattack considered China’s most ambitious

Inquiry discovers 80 nations attacked, US data stolen for years

By Adam Goldman
The New York Times

LONDON — China has hacked into U.S. power grids and companies for decades, stealing sensitive files and intellectual property like chip designs as it seeks an edge on the United States.

But a sweeping cyberattack by a group known as Salt Typhoon is China’s most ambitious yet, experts and officials have concluded after a year of investigating it. It targeted more than 80 countries and may have stolen information from nearly every American, officials said. They see it as evidence that China’s capabilities rival those of the United States and its allies.

The Salt Typhoon attack was a yearslong, coordinated assault that infiltrated major telecommunications companies and others, investigators grid in a

highly unusual joint statement last week. The range of the attack was far greater than originally understood, and security officials warned that the stolen data could allow Chinese intelligence services to exploit global communication networks to track targets, including politicians, spies and activists.

Hackers sponsored by the Chinese government “are targeting networks globally, including, but not limited to, telecommunications, government, transportation, lodging and military infrastructure networks,” the statement said.

British and U.S. officials have described the attack as “unrestrained” and “indiscriminate.” Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain were also signatories to the statement, which was part of a name-and-shame effort directed at the Chinese government.

“I can’t imagine any American was spared given the breadth of the campaign,” said Cynthia

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Kennedy faces bipartisan heat

Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. tried to defend his vaccine policy shifts at a Senate committee hearing. Nation & World, Page 6

NC senator declares House bid

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