

## AirTran warns of passenger with meningitis

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WICHITA, Kan. -- AirTran Airlines is trying to contact some passengers of two U.S. flights to warn them they may be at risk for meningitis. Airline officials revealed a teenage girl who arrived Saturday night on a flight from Orlando, Fla., to Atlanta has bacterial meningitis, The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle reported. Company spokesman Dave Hirschman warned the girl was on AirTran flights 687 from Atlanta to Wichita, and 862 from Orlando to Atlanta. "We're only notifying those people in the rows in the immediate vicinity" of where the girl sat, Hirschman said. "It's a small number, less than 10 people per flight" who might have been infected. Bacterial meningitis affects the fluid surrounding the spinal cord and the brain and is a contagious disease that can be contracted by direct close contact with discharges from the nose or throat of an infected person.

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