



## CLINICAL PATHWAYS – INTRODUCTION

**Clinical Pathways** are guidelines used to assist in the delivery of high-value, effective, efficient, safe, and family-centered care. Pathways have been shown to improve the quality of care for hospitalized children with many conditions and in different settings (1)

### A definition of a clinical 'pathway' needs to satisfy four criteria (2)

- (1) It is a structured multidisciplinary plan of care.
- (2) It is used to translate guidelines or evidence into local practices.
- (3) It details the steps in a course of treatment of care in a plan, pathway, algorithm, guideline, protocol, or other "inventory of actions."
- (4) It is aimed to assist in standardizing care of a specific population.

These Clinical Decision-Support (CDS) tools are aimed to assist clinicians at the bedside to deliver evidence-based care. The **Algorithm (SECTION 2)** is a visual aid that helps guide clinicians, step-by-step through the timing, indications, and details of recommended tests and treatments for managing specific conditions. In this case, **Measles** is being addressed.

These PATHWAYS and their specific SECTIONS were developed by a consensus of a subject-matter-expert (SME) team, organized by the Clinical Effectiveness and Pathways (CEP) program at Nicklaus Children's Health System (NCHS). The SME team included clinicians from multiple disciplines and pediatric sub-specialties (see SECTION 7).

These clinical pathways are intended to be used as a compilation of best practice recommendations for practitioners. The practice of evidence-based pediatric medicine involves the use of pathways, the clinicians' experiences and judgment, and finally the patient's perspectives and values. However, these clinical pathways are not intended to constitute specific medical recommendations for treatment. The practitioners must exercise their own independent judgment in applying these tools. These clinical pathways are not a script or 'cookbook' applicable to all patients. NCHS cannot certify that CDS documents are accurate or complete in every aspect. NCHS is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the use of clinical pathways or for any outcomes a patient might experience where a clinician consulted or followed these CDS in providing clinical care.

1-Rising utilization of inpatient pediatric asthma pathways. Kaiser SV, et al. J Asthma. 2017.

2-Lawal AK RT, Kinsman L, Machotta A, Ronellenfitch U, Scott SD, Goodridge D, et al. What is a clinical pathway? Refinement of an operational definition to identify clinical pathway studies for a Cochrane systematic review. BMC Med 2016;14 )

# Measles

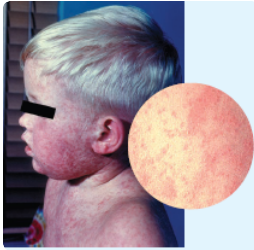
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### Resources (Click on links below)

[CDC Clinical Overview of Measles](#)  
[CDC Measles Clinical Features and Diagnosis](#)  
[Photos of Measles](#)



### Patient meeting screening criteria

#### Minimize Risk of Transmission

- Ensure patient is wearing a **mask**
- Identify febrile rash illnesses prior to, or immediately upon arrival, to expedite evaluation in a **private room** (negative pressure room if available)
  - Have the patient avoid the waiting room (use a side/back entrance)
  - Initiate airborne precautions (don N95)
- Conduct patient evaluation in a room that can be **left vacant for at least 2 hours after the patient's visit**
- Vital signs as per nursing protocol
- History and PE
- Social History including epi risk factors

#### Report Immediately

- Clinician must notify Department of Health local to the patient. Refer to contact list.
- Report to NCHS Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) 786-624-2399
  - If afterhours- dial "0" for operator and ask to be transferred to IPC on-call immediately
- Urgent Care Centers Only: Call OPC OA 786-495-7712 AND IPC on-call by dialing "0"
- Consider ID consult

#### Specimen Collection and Testing

- If accepted by the DOH, labs are sent there. If not accepted and still a strong suspicion for measles, send labs to Quest.
- Notify the lab when a specimen for measles rule out is being collected/sent
- Include on the manual slip whether it was approved by the DOH or not
- Must obtain ALL of the following (contact lab if any issues with test orders):
  - Nasopharyngeal (NP) or oropharyngeal (OP) swab in universal transport media/viral transport media (PCR test)
  - Urine in sterile cup (PCR test)
  - Serum for measles-specific IgG and IgM (must be collected  $\geq 72$  hours after rash onset)

### Clinical Assessment

#### Mild

- No respiratory distress or oxygen requirement
- Able to self-hydrate

#### Moderate

- Mild/moderate respiratory distress
- Requiring ongoing IVF support

#### Severe

- Rapidly worsening respiratory distress despite O2 support
- Sepsis/Shock

Upon patient discharge, provide the following instructions:

- **Exclude:** patient contact from others for at least 4 days after the onset of rash
- **Provide** supportive treatment and vitamin A supplementation
- **Follow up** with virtual visit if possible

Discharge Patient

Admit to medical floor  
• Place patient under  
airborne precautions  
• Supportive treatment  
• Vitamin A  
supplementation

Admit to ICU  
• Place patient under  
airborne precautions  
• Supportive treatment  
• Vitamin A  
supplementation

### Screening Criteria

#### Signs and Symptoms of Measles

Early onset of:

- High Fever
- Cough
- Coryza
- Conjunctivitis

2-3 days after symptoms begin:

- Koplik spots

3-5 days after:

- Descending maculopapular rash

Plus any of these Epi Risk Factors:

- International travel
- Domestic travel to an area with known measles transmission
- Known exposure to measles

#### Risk Factors for Severe Disease

- Children younger than 5 years
- Pregnancy
- Immunosuppression

#### Complications

- Severe Disease
  - Pneumonia
  - Encephalitis
- Long-term Complications
  - Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE)

### Management of Case and Exposed Contacts (See post-exposure prophylaxis Section 3)

- If measles lab test is **positive** (PCR of IgM) **OR** if there is a **high suspicion** for active measles infection
  - Notify NCHS IPC
  - Review immunity status of patient
    - Provide vaccine within 3 days or immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure, as indicated
- Were staff and other patients potentially exposed to this patient?
  - Identify patients/visitors that have shared the same air space within 2 hours of case
  - **Charge nurse/supervisor:** contact NCHS IPC and Employee Health on-call for further information



## **Visual Aid to Measles Clinical Recognition**

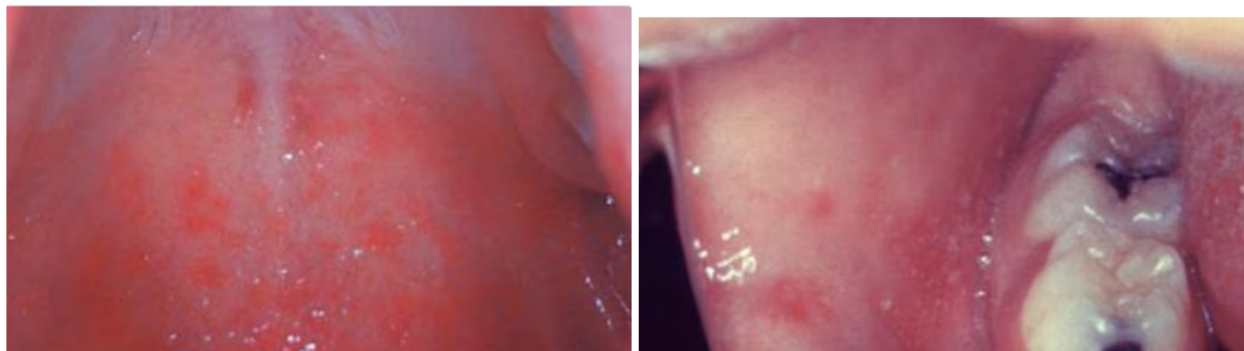
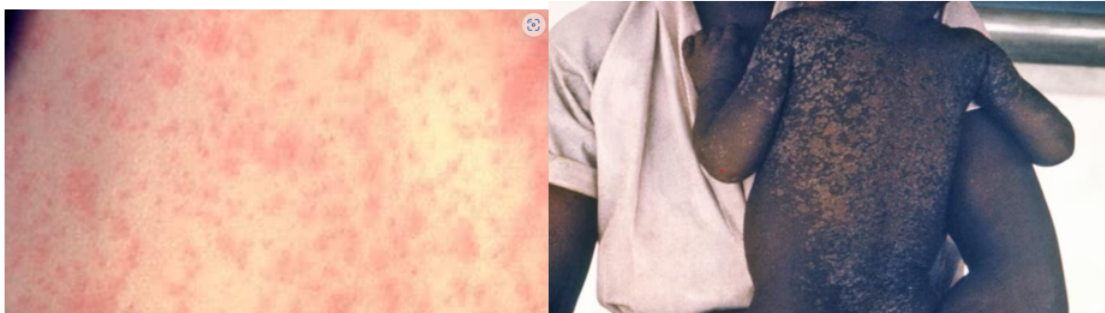
For Clinical Overview, see: [Clinical Overview of Measles | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)

### **Key Points**

- Patients are considered to be contagious from 4 days before to 4 days after the rash appears.
- Isolate infected patients for 4 days after they develop a rash and follow airborne precautions in healthcare settings.
- Report suspected measles cases to your local health department. Testing requires prior approval from Regional Epidemiology and notification to the testing lab. Contact local County Health Department (CHD) to start the process for approval.
- Laboratory confirmation is essential for all sporadic measles cases and all outbreaks.

### **Examples of Measles Rashes**

Photo credit: [Photos of Measles | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)





## Measles Postexposure Prophylaxis Protocol

### A. POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) FOR MEASLES EXPOSURE IN IMMUNOCOMPETENT PATIENTS

| PEP Type Depending on Time After Initial Exposure |                                       |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age Range                                         | Measles Immune Status <sup>a</sup>    | ≤ 3 days (≤ 72 hours)                                                                                                                           | 4-6 days                                                                                                                                | > 6 days                                                         |
| All ages                                          | Immune                                | • PEP not indicated. Exposed person has documented immunity                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |
| < 6 months                                        | Non-immune (due to age <sup>b</sup> ) | • Give intramuscular immunoglobulin (IMIG) <sup>c</sup> or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)<br>• Home quarantine <sup>d</sup>                  |                                                                                                                                         | • PEP not indicated (too late)<br>• Home quarantine <sup>d</sup> |
| 6-11 months                                       | Non-immune                            | • Give MMR vaccine (MMR vaccine preferred over IG)<br>• No quarantine needed <sup>e</sup>                                                       | • Give intramuscular immunoglobulin (IMIG) <sup>c</sup> or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)<br>• Home quarantine <sup>d</sup>          | • PEP not indicated (too late)<br>• Home quarantine <sup>d</sup> |
| ≥ 12 months                                       | Non-immune                            | • Give MMR vaccine<br>• No quarantine needed <sup>e</sup>                                                                                       | • IG PEP usually not administered <sup>f</sup><br>• Home quarantine <sup>d</sup> then give MMR vaccine to protect from future exposures |                                                                  |
|                                                   | 1 dose of MMR vaccine                 | • Give 2nd MMR vaccine dose if ≥ 28 days from last dose of live vaccine<br>• No quarantine needed <sup>b</sup> (person had 1 dose when exposed) |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |

<sup>a</sup>Acceptable evidence of immunity includes written documentation of age-appropriate vaccination, laboratory evidence of immunity, laboratory confirmation of disease, or birth before 1957.

<sup>b</sup>MMR vaccine is not indicated in this age group.

<sup>c</sup>Dosing of IGIM is 0.5 mL/kg of body weight (max dose 15 mL).

<sup>d</sup>The quarantine period is 21 days after the last exposure; most health departments would extend the monitoring period to 28 days if IG is administered as PEP, because IG can prolong the incubation period. Decisions on whether exposed persons who received IG as PEP appropriately (i.e., within 6-day window) should return to settings such as child-care, school, or work (i.e., not be quarantined) should include consideration of the immune status and intensity of contacts in the setting and presence of high-risk individuals. These persons should be excluded from health care settings.

<sup>e</sup>Quarantine is not needed for persons who received MMR as PEP appropriately (i.e., within the 3-day window), although these persons should be excluded from health care settings for 21 day.

<sup>f</sup>IGIM is recommended for infants <12 months of age, and IG administered intravenously is recommended for nonimmune pregnant people and severely immunocompromised persons. IGIM can be given to other persons (e.g., greater than or equal to 12 months of age) who do not have evidence of measles immunity, but priority should be given to persons exposed in settings with intense, prolonged, close contact (e.g., household, child-care, classroom).



## A. POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) FOR MEASLES EXPOSURE IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND/OR PREGNANT PATIENTS

| PEP Type Depending on Time After Initial Exposure |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Category                                          | Measles Immune Status <sup>a</sup>               | ≤ 3 days (≤ 72 hours)                                                                                                                                                        | 4-6 days | >6 days                                                                                                              |
| Severely Immunocompromised                        | Will need IG regardless of measles immune status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)<sup>e</sup></li><li>• Home quarantine<sup>d</sup></li></ul>                                   |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PEP not indicated (too late)</li><li>• Home quarantine<sup>d</sup></li></ul> |
|                                                   |                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)<sup>c,d</sup></li><li>• Home quarantine<sup>e</sup> for 28 days after last exposure</li></ul> |          |                                                                                                                      |
| Pregnant                                          | Immune                                           | PEP not indicated                                                                                                                                                            |          |                                                                                                                      |
|                                                   | Non-immune                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)<sup>e</sup></li><li>• Home quarantine<sup>d</sup></li></ul>                                   |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PEP not indicated (too late)</li><li>• Home quarantine<sup>d</sup></li></ul> |

<sup>a</sup>Acceptable evidence of immunity includes written documentation of age-appropriate vaccination, laboratory evidence of immunity, laboratory confirmation of disease, or birth before 1957.

<sup>b</sup>The degree of altered immunocompetence in a patient should be determined by a physician. Severely immunocompromised patients include patients with severe primary immunodeficiency; patients who have received a hematopoietic cell transplant until at least 12 months after finishing all immunosuppressive treatment, or longer in patients who have developed graft-versus-host disease; patients on treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) within and until at least 6 months after completion of immunosuppressive chemotherapy; and patients with HIV with severe immunosuppression, which for children ≤5 years is defined as CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage 5 years and adolescents is defined as a CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage <15% or a CD4+ T-lymphocyte count <200 lymphocytes/mm<sup>3</sup>, and those who have not received MMR vaccine since receiving effective antiretroviral therapy. Additional severely immunocompromising conditions and medications are provided in Rubin LG, Levin MJ, Jungman P, et al. 2013 IDSA Clinical practice guideline for vaccination of the immunocompromised host. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2014;58(3):e44-e100

<sup>c</sup>Dosing of IVIG is 400 mg/kg of body weight

<sup>d</sup>The quarantine period is 21 days after the last exposure; most health departments would extend the monitoring period to 28 days if IG is administered as PEP because IG can prolong the incubation period. Decisions on whether exposed persons who received IG as PEP appropriately (ie, within 6-day window) should return to settings such as child care, school, or work (ie, not be quarantined) should include consideration of the immune status and intensity of contacts in the setting and presence of high-risk individuals. These persons should be excluded from health care settings.



### C. IMMUNE GLOBULIN (IG) DOSAGE FOR MEASLES EXPOSURE <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

- Immune globulin should be administered  $\leq 6$  days of last exposure to measles
- There is only one IGIM product in the US (GamaSTAN®). Nicklaus Children's Hospital's formulation is GammaGARD®. **IVIG is an acceptable alternative to IMIG for patients < 12 months or < 30 kg if IMIG is contraindicated or not tolerated.**
- Screen for contraindications to IG. See Section D.
- Split doses to accommodate max volume based on age, site, and body habitus.
- Can administer more than 1 injection in single limb if separated by > 1 inch (preferred site Vastus Lateralis)
- IMIG orders must be entered as non-formulary and require consent. Round IM orders to the nearest measurable dose (e.g., to the nearest 0.1 mL).
- Administer IG intramuscular (IM) as per the table below. Do not administer more than the listed volumes per injection site.
- Use clinical judgment when choosing site, max volume.**

| Age                         | Location of Injection                     | Suggested maximum | Suggested Needle                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Term newborn to 2 months    | Vastus lateralis<br>(Anterolateral thigh) | 1 mL*             | 25-gauge x 5/8 inch                            |
| Infant (2 to 12 months old) |                                           | 1 mL*             | 23-gauge x 1 inch                              |
| Toddler (1 to 3 years old)  | Deltoid if muscle mass adequate           | 1 mL*             | 25-gauge x 5/8 inch                            |
|                             | Vastus lateralis<br>(Anterolateral thigh) | 2 mL*             | 23-gauge x 1 inch                              |
| Children 3 to 10 years old  | Deltoid if muscle mass adequate           | 1 mL*             | 25-gauge x 5/8 inch<br>or<br>23-gauge x 1 inch |
|                             | Vastus Lateralis<br>(Anterolateral thigh) | 3 mL*             | 23-gauge x 1 inch                              |

\*Evaluate size of muscle mass before administration

- IG and MMR vaccine should not be given at the same time. See below for interval.
- IG can be administered simultaneously with, or at any interval before or after, any inactivated vaccine.

| Indications                                                             | Dose                                                                  | Interval before MMR vaccine administration                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Infants <12 months of age                                               | 0.5 mL/kg IM (max dose = 15 mL)<br>OR<br>400 mg/kg IV (intravenously) | 6 months if IM product given<br>8 months if IV product given |
| Susceptible Immunocompetent contacts <30 kg (66 lbs) <sup>5</sup>       | 0.5 mL/kg IM (max dose = 15 mL)<br>OR<br>400 mg/kg IV (intravenously) | 6 months if IM product given<br>8 months if IV product given |
| Susceptible Immunocompetent contacts $\geq 30$ kg (66 lbs) <sup>5</sup> | 400 mg/kg IV (intravenously)                                          | 8 months                                                     |
| Pregnant women without evidence of                                      | 400 mg/kg IV (intravenously)                                          | 8 months and nonpregnant                                     |
| Severely immunocompromised persons <sup>6</sup> (also see section D)    | 400 mg/kg IV (intravenously)                                          | 8 months                                                     |

<sup>1</sup>IGIM should be administered at room temperature and within 6 days of exposure.

<sup>2</sup>IG should be administered to susceptible infants and children <30 kg and high-risk persons (pregnant women and severely immunocompromised persons)

<sup>3</sup>IGIM can be given to any person <30 kg who lacks evidence of measles immunity, but priority should be given to persons exposed in settings with intense, prolonged, close contact (e.g., household, child care, classroom, etc.) or persons who are more likely to develop severe measles (infants, immunocompromised children).

<sup>4</sup>The maximum intramuscular dose of IG is 15 mL for all persons.

<sup>5</sup>Persons weighing >30 kg (66 lbs) are unlikely to receive an adequate amount of measles antibody from IGIM.

<sup>6</sup>Severely immunocompromised patients who are exposed to measles should receive IVIG prophylaxis regardless of immunologic or vaccination status because they might not be protected by the vaccine. Per CDC and IDSA, persons with high-level immunosuppression include those:

- With combined primary immunodeficiency disorder (e.g., severe combined immunodeficiency)
- Who are receiving cancer chemotherapy
- On treatment for ALL within and until at least 6 months after completion of immunosuppressive chemotherapy
- Within 2 months after solid organ transplantation
- Who have received a bone marrow transplant until at least 12 months after finishing all immunosuppressive treatment, or longer in patients who have developed graft-versus-host disease
- With HIV infection with a CD4 T-lymphocyte count <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> (age >5 years) and percentage <15 (all ages) (some experts include HIV-infected persons who lack recent confirmation of immunologic status or measles immunity)
- Receiving daily corticosteroid therapy with a dose  $\geq 20$  mg (or >2 mg/kg/day for patients who weight <10 kg) of prednisone or equivalent for  $\geq 14$  days
- Receiving certain biologic immune modulators (e.g., TNF-alpha blocker or rituximab)

After HSCT, duration of high-level immunosuppression is highly variable and depends on type of transplant (longer for allogeneic than for autologous), type of donor and stem cell source, and post-transplant complications such as graft vs host disease (GVHD) and their treatments.



**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

- IG should not be given to people with immunoglobulin A (IgA) deficiency. Persons with IgA deficiencies have the potential for developing antibodies to IgA and therefore could experience an anaphylactic reaction when IG is administered.
- IMIG should not be administered to persons with severe thrombocytopenia or any coagulating disorder that would contraindicate intramuscular injections.
- History of anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of IG

**PRECAUTIONS:**

- Pregnancy: It is unknown whether IG can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant female or if it could affect reproduction
- Use caution in persons reporting a history of systemic allergic reaction following the administration of IG

**SIDE EFFECTS AND ADVERSE REACTIONS (IGIM):**

- Tenderness, pain, or soreness at injection site
- Usually resolves within 24 hours

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- IG may interfere with the response to live, attenuated vaccines (e.g., MMR, varicella) when the vaccines are administered individually or as a combined vaccine. Delay administration of live attenuated vaccines for 6 months after the administration of IMIG and 8 months after the administration of IVIG.
- Ideally, IG should not be administered within 2 weeks following the administration of MMR vaccine or for 3 weeks following varicella vaccine. Should this occur, the individual should be revaccinated, but no sooner than 6 months after IMIG administration or 8 months after IVIG administration.
- For persons already receiving IVIG therapy, administration of at least 400 mg/kg body weight within 3 weeks before measles exposure should be sufficient to prevent measles infection. For patients receiving subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG) therapy, administration of at least 200 mg/kg body weight for 2 consecutive weeks before measles exposure should be sufficient.

**D. VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTATION FOR MEASLES INFECTION**

| Age                              | Route | Dose                                               |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Infants <6 months                | Oral  | 50,000 units/day x 2 days<br>(15,000 mcg RAE/day)  |
| Infants 6 to 11 months           | Oral  | 100,000 units/day x 2 days<br>(30,000 mcg RAE/day) |
| Infants ≥ 12 months and Children | Oral  | 200,000 units/day x 2 days<br>(60,000 mcg RAE/day) |

RAE: Retinol Activity Equivalents

1 unit retinol = 0.3 mcg RAE = 0.3 mcg retinol

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## Measles – Recommendations for Testing for Clinicians

Measles is a mandatory, immediately notifiable disease. Please report confirmed and probable cases of measles to your local health department.

|               | Preference             | Test           | Specimen                                                                                                       | Indication           | Timing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACUTE DISEASE | Preferred Test         | RT-PCR         | Nasopharyngeal (NP) or throat (OP) swab (preferred)<br><br>Urine can be collected in addition to an NP/OP swab | Acute Disease        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A specimen for detection of virus should be collected as soon as possible upon suspicion of measles.</li> <li>Specimen should be ideally collected within 3 days after rash onset but can be collected up to 10 days.</li> <li>If &gt;10 days since rash onset, PCR testing is generally not recommended.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP/OP swab collected &lt;3 days after rash onset is the preferred specimen. Ideally, RT-PCR should be performed for all suspect measles cases identified within 10 days of rash onset.</li> <li>Collecting a urine specimen along with an NP/OP swab may improve test sensitivity, especially if at the end of the RT-PCR detection window.</li> <li>Contact your health department regarding where to send specimens for testing and genotyping, if appropriate.</li> </ul> |
|               | Preferred Test         | IgM (with IgG) | Serum                                                                                                          | Acute Disease        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideally, serology will be obtained for suspect measles cases, in addition to RT-PCR.</li> <li>IgM is most sensitive 3+ days after rash onset and may be negative days 0–3 after rash onset. IgM can be detected for 6–8 weeks after acute measles.</li> </ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detection of measles IgM can aid in the diagnosis of measles and can increase the detection window for acute cases.</li> <li>Testing IgG for acute cases can provide evidence of pre-existing immunity, which can be helpful to differentiate rare instances of vaccine failure.</li> <li>People with a history of measles vaccination may not have detectable IgM during an acute measles illness.</li> </ul>                                                               |
| IMMUNITY      | Only test for immunity | IgG only       | Serum                                                                                                          | Evidence of Immunity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IgG can be detected approximately 2 weeks after measles vaccination.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The presence of measles-specific IgG indicates a recent or prior exposure to measles virus or measles vaccine.</li> <li><b>IgM is <u>not</u> an appropriate test for immunity.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

\* Viral culture is a valid way to confirm cases of acute measles disease; however, is not generally recommended as it takes longer to receive results than RT-PCR, which is widely available. Specimen collection and timing is similar to that for RT-PCR.

\*\* Acute and convalescent phase serum specimen collection (separated by at least 2 weeks) to demonstrate a 4-fold increase in IgG titer can confirm measles infection but is generally not required to confirm measles infection.

### Useful References:

- CDC Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Manual: [VPD Manual | Measles | CDC](#)
- CDC Measles page for Healthcare Providers: [Measles | For Healthcare Providers | CDC](#)
- CDC Measles Serology Webpage: [Measles Serology | CDC](#)
- CDC Measles Laboratory Information: [Measles | Lab Testing | CDC](#)



**Florida Department of Health Contact Information  
For Providers to Report Diseases and Conditions**

| COUNTY MAILING ADDRESS                                                                                          | DAYTIME PHONE<br>FOR REPORTING             | AFTER-HOURS<br>PHONE | CONFIDENTIAL<br>FAX          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>DOH-Alachua</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>P.O. Box 5849<br>Gainesville, FL 32627                              | 352-225-4181<br>352-334-8842               | 352-334-7900         | 352-955-6464                 |
| <b>DOH-Baker</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>480 W. Lowder Street<br>Macclenny, FL 32063                           | 904-653-5259                               | 904-259-6291         | 904-428-5620                 |
| <b>DOH-Bay</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>597 W. 11th Street<br>Panama City, FL 32401                             | 850-872-4720<br>Ext. 0-9547<br>Ext. 0-9664 | 850-872-4720         | 850-747-5475                 |
| <b>DOH-Bradford</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>1801 North Temple Avenue<br>Starke, FL 32091                       | 904-964-7732<br>Ext. 1118                  | 904-964-7732         | 904-964-3829                 |
| <b>DOH-Brevard</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way<br>Viera, FL 32940                     | 321-454-7101                               | 321-454-7101         | 321-454-7128                 |
| <b>DOH-Broward</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>780 SW 24th Street<br>Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315                      | 954-213-0710                               | 954-734-3046         | 954-467-4870<br>954-713-3169 |
| <b>DOH-Calhoun</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>19611 SR 20 West<br>Blountstown, FL 32424                           | 850-674-5645                               | 850-643-6048         | 850-674-5420                 |
| <b>DOH-Charlotte</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>1100 Loveland Blvd.<br>Port Charlotte, FL 33980                   | 941-624-7236<br>941-915-3699               | 941-204-7915         | 941-624-7277                 |
| <b>DOH-Citrus</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>3700 West Sovereign Path<br>Lecanto, FL 34461                        | 352-527-0068                               | 352-527-0068         | 352-527-0393                 |
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| <b>DOH-St. Lucie</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>5150 NW Milner Drive<br>Port St. Lucie, FL 34983       | 772-462-3883                         | 772-462-3800             | 772-873-8593        |
| <b>DOH-Sumter</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>P.O. Box 98<br>415 E. Noble Avenue<br>Bushnell, FL 33513  | 352-569-3115                         | 352-303-6237             | 352-512-6555        |
| <b>DOH-Suwannee</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>915 Nobles Ferry Road<br>Live Oak, FL 32060             | 386-362-2708<br>Ext. 235 or Ext. 214 | 386-362-2708             | 386-362-6301        |
| <b>DOH-Taylor</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>1215 North Peacock Street<br>Perry, FL 32347              | 850-584-5087                         | 850-672-1570             | 850-584-7335        |
| <b>DOH-Union</b><br>Attn: Epidemiology<br>495 East Main Street<br>Lake Butler, FL 32054              | 904-964-7732<br>Ext. 1115            | 386-496-3211             | 386-496-1599        |
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1. Frequency of patients treated according to the pathway

### ICD-10 Codes

- Measles B05.9
- Measles keratitis B05.81
- Measles pneumonia B05.2
- Measles screening Z11.59
- Measles complication, myocarditis, central nervous system B05.89
- Measles uncomplicated B05.9
- Measles vaccine poisoning T50.B91A
- Measles, German (rubella) B06.9
- Measles keratoconjunctivitis B05.81
- Measles complicated by otitis B05.3
- Measles vaccination administered Z23
- Measles complicated by meningitis B05.1



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