

Measles Preparedness for Schools

Measles Information

Measles continues to spread in the U.S. and in Washington state. Most measles cases come from people who do not have the recommended number of measles, mumps, and varicella (MMR) vaccinations.

School staff should prepare in case of a measles event in the community.

- **Identify your Local Health Jurisdiction contact (Local Health Department)**

Keep contact information for your [Local Health Jurisdiction](#) (LHJ) up to date. Reach out now if you don't have a contact. Contact the LHJ if there is a suspected case of measles in the building. The LHJ coordinates the response as directed by the Local Public Health Officer. They will determine if children, staff or volunteers need to be excluded. In some cases, they may require additional doses of MMR vaccine. For more information, see [WAC 246-110-020](#).

- **Create or update measles susceptible lists**

A measles susceptible list identifies all students, volunteers, and staff who do not have immunity to measles. Be prepared to quickly access this list in the event of a measles exposure at your facility.

Valid proof of immunity includes:

- Records documenting measles vaccination.
 - Students ages 1 to 3 years with one MMR vaccination
 - Students ages 4 years or older with 2 MMR vaccinations
 - Adults with one MMR vaccination
 - Health care providers, including health room staff, with two MMR vaccinations
 - Note: The local public health officer may require individuals with only one MMR vaccine to get a second dose to return to their normal daily activities (school or work).
 - Immunity to measles from a laboratory titer test.
 - Laboratory testing showing measles infection.
 - People born before 1957.
- **Prepare a list of susceptible children:**
 - Use the School and Child Care Immunization Module (SCCIM) At Risk Report (the training guide is linked below). **OR**
 - Create a list by referring to required immunization paperwork and using the Outbreak Susceptible List template in [Word](#) or [Excel](#).
 - **Prepare your personnel:** Inform your staff and volunteers they need to quickly show proof of immunity to measles. Track measles immunity using the [staff immunization history template in Word](#).



Resources:

- Washington State Department of Health (DOH)
 - [Staff and Volunteer MMR Requirement](#)
 - [Outbreak Susceptible List – Sample Form \(Word\)](#) | [\(Excel\)](#)
 - [Sample Staff Immunization History Form \(Word\)](#)
 - [Outbreaks and Exclusion](#)
 - [Measles | Washington State Department of Health](#)
 - [Measles Reporting and Investigation Guideline](#)
 - [School and Child Care Immunizations Information for Families](#)
 - [Access your Family's Immunization Information](#)

- Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIS)
 - Get access to the School and Child Care Immunization Module (SCCIM) by signing up for a [Limited Exchange of Data account](#)
 - [Training Guide for the School and Child Care Immunization Module](#) (PDF)

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - [Measles \(Rubeola\)](#)
 - [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
 - [Measles One-Pager \(aap.org\)](#)

- Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 - [Why Do We See Measles Outbreaks?](#) (Video)

