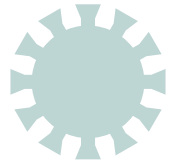
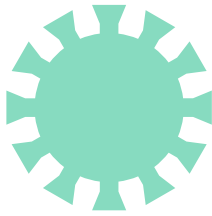


# Measles:



## Why It Matters

Measles is a highly contagious virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing.

### Immediate Action Required

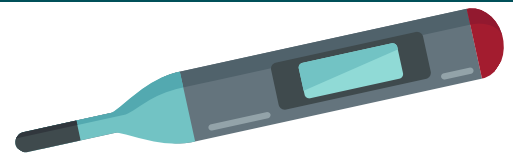
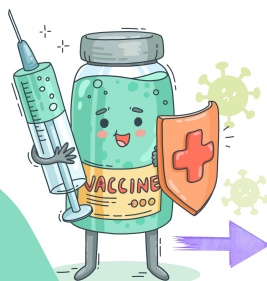
This virus can live up to two hours in an airspace after an infected person leaves an area.

Anyone who has been in the infected area will be considered exposed to the virus. Intensive contact tracing will begin by Infection Prevention. Therefore, anyone presenting for care with fever and a rash needs to be masked immediately and taken to a private room.

This disease can have complications such as, pneumonia, encephalitis, blindness, and premature birth

The patient is considered contagious 4 days before through 4 days after the rash appears.

### How to protect you and your patients:



For questions, please contact your local Infection Preventionist

- MMR Vaccination
- Airborne and Contact isolation
- Negative Pressure (AIIR) room
- Notify Infection Prevention