

Surveillance Algorithm of Persons Under Investigation for Measles[†]

CLINICAL SYMPTOMS

PRODROME:

Fever + Cough, Coryza (runny nose), or Conjunctivitis

FOLLOWED by:

Rash - maculopapular (flat, red area with small confluent bumps), lasts ≥ 3 days. Starts on face, spreads to neck, trunk, extremities (generalized)

If YES, see green box for healthcare provider instructions and then proceed with public health investigation below

REMINDER: Ask patient to call HCP prior to visiting ER or clinic

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

ISOLATE[¥]: Airborne Infection Control (for 4 days after rash onset). Health care personnel caring for patient, wear N95 mask even if vaccinated.

OBTAIN LABORATORY SPECIMENS[¥]:

1. Sera for Measles IgG and Measles IgM
2. Nasopharyngeal or throat swab for laboratory confirmation – send to state lab
3. Urine for measles laboratory confirmation – send to state lab

IMMEDIATELY REPORT to Local Health Department

EXPOSED to Measles (7-21 days prior to rash onset)?

YES

NO

CONTACT/S[¥]

- Quarantine until measles immune status is verified
- Medical monitoring for signs and symptoms
- Verify measles immune status*

PATIENT

- Isolate (contagious from 4 days before to 4 days after rash onset)
- Airborne Precautions

PATIENT

*Evidence of Measles Immunity?

- Birth before 1957 (not evidence for HCP)
- Written documentation of age-appropriate measles vaccine (2 doses at least 28 days apart)
- Laboratory evidence of immunity
- Laboratory confirmation of measles

CONTACT/S

- Medical monitoring for signs and symptoms until case is ruled out.
- Verify measles immune status (see *Measles immune?)

***Measles immune?**

YES

NO

- Return to school or work.
- Medical monitoring (21 days after exposure)

Initiate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)[¥]

- MMR vaccine within 3 days of exposure.
 - If unable to receive vaccine (immunocompromised, pregnant, <6 months old), give Immune globulin (IG) within 6 days of exposure.
 - IV IG Dose: 400 mg/kg
 - IM IG Dose: 0.5 ml/kg, max. 15 ml.
 - Do NOT administer vaccine and IG simultaneously.
- If unable to receive appropriate PEP, quarantine for 21 days after exposure.
- If HCP, exclude from 5 days after 1st exposure to 21 days after last exposure regardless of PEP.

YES

NO

PATIENT

- Explore other causes of illness

PATIENT

- Airborne Precautions.
- Isolate for 4 days after rash onset or until measles is ruled out.
- Explore other causes.
- If measles is ruled out, vaccinate.

[†] Algorithm is **NOT** intended for clinical evaluation and management guidance.
[¥] Detailed information of laboratory testing, isolation, PEP, and management of contacts can be found in the surveillance protocol.