

Updated Measles Vaccination Guidance from MDHHS

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recently updated the measles vaccine recommendation due to recent outbreaks.

There have recently been 7 cases of measles in Washtenaw County and one additional case in Monroe County. The Monroe County case has not been definitively linked to any of the Washtenaw County cases or travel. All individuals in Michigan without evidence of measles immunity are urged to get the MMR vaccine as soon as possible.

Vaccination for children:

The MMR vaccine is routinely recommended at 12-15 months of age with a second dose given a minimum of 28 days after the first dose.

New recommendation as of April 2026: Given the possibility of ongoing community transmission, MDHHS is also recommending that infants ages 6-11 months receive an accelerated first dose of measles vaccine if they are in the following groups:

- Residents of Washtenaw, Monroe, Oakland, Jackson, Livingston, or Lenawee counties.
- Individuals who travel to Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

This recommendation is in effect until Saturday, May 16, 2026. Any updates to this recommendation will be posted on the MDHHS measles webpage.

Infants ages 6-11 months of age who receive an accelerated first dose will require two additional doses of the MMR vaccine after 12 months of age to complete the series.

Vaccination for adults:

It is possible that individuals vaccinated between 1963 and 1967 received a less-effective version of the vaccine. Individuals vaccinated before 1989 may have only received one dose of the MMR vaccine and may be eligible for a second dose.

If adults fall into either of these categories could consider an additional vaccine dose.

For more information about these recommendations, please see the MDHHS measles web site and recent measles vaccine recommendation.

[Michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/immunizations/public/measles](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/immunizations/public/measles)

[Michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/newsroom/2026/04/02/early-mmr](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/newsroom/2026/04/02/early-mmr)