

Provider immunization update: Measles

What you need to know

The CDC has issued a Health Advisory Network alert related to an outbreak of measles impacting multiple states. As of March 7, 2025 222 confirmed measles cases have been reported by 12 jurisdictions, the majority of which are associated with the outbreak in New Mexico and Texas. An unvaccinated child who was infected with measles died on February 26, 2025, making this the first measles death in the U.S. since 2015.

Who should get vaccinated?

The best way to protect against measles is to get two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The MMR vaccine is very effective, providing 93% protection against measles after one dose and 97% protection after two doses.

The CDC recommends a two-dose MMR series for children:

- 12-15 months - dose 1
- 4-6 years - dose 2 (can also be given 3 months after dose 1)

MMR vaccination is important for children as well as adults who do not have evidence of immunity.

These include:

- Students at post-high school educational institutions
- Healthcare personnel
- International travelers
- People of childbearing age before they get pregnant

Healthcare providers

Consider measles in patients presenting with febrile rash illness and clinically compatible measles symptoms, especially if they recently traveled internationally; or were exposed to a person with febrile rash illness. Healthcare providers are required to report suspected measles cases to their local health department.

Resources:

[Outbreak Information - Arizona Partnership for Immunization](#)
[Ask The Experts About Vaccines: MMR \(Measles, Mumps, and Rubella\) | Vaccine Recommendations | Immunize.org](#)
[Measles Vaccination | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)

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