



Measles Healthcare Clinic Exposure Guidance

All suspect cases of measles should be immediately notified to Whatcom County Health and Community Services (WCHCS) at 360-778-6100 (follow the prompts).

During a suspected exposure in your facility

- ☐ **Isolate** persons with known or suspected measles in an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) or private room with the door shut to protect others from exposure.
- ☐ **Limit spread** by giving the person a mask (if 2 years or older and able to wear a mask) to wear until isolated in AIIR or until they have left the facility. To limit the spread of respiratory secretions, masks should be well-fitting and cover the person's mouth and nose.
- ☐ **Protect yourself** by wearing a fit-tested, N95 or higher level respirator, even if you are vaccinated, when entering the isolation room. All healthcare workers should follow Standard and Airborne Precautions when caring for the patient.
- ☐ **Inform** your facility's Infection Preventionist and WCHCS as soon as possible. WCHCS will provide further guidance for testing.
- ☐ **Close the clinic** for at least 2 hours after the suspected case has left. Only staff with presumptive immunity to measles should be allowed to continue to work and should wear a fit-tested, N95 or higher level respirator, even if vaccinated.

After a suspected exposure in your facility

- ☐ **Determine affected areas of exposure.** Any area where the suspected case was present while potentially contagious and during the 2 hours afterward.
- ☐ **Generate a report** identifying potentially exposed contacts within your facility: All persons (patients, caregivers, staff, vendors, etc.) who were present in the affected areas during the exposure period.
- ☐ **Gather immune status of potentially exposed individuals.** Acceptable evidence includes:
 - Written documentation of 2 doses of MMR vaccine administered at age ≥ 12 months and separated by ≥ 28 days
 - Laboratory evidence of immunity (measles IgG positive on serologic testing)
 - Laboratory confirmation of prior measles disease
 - Birth before 1957 (note: during outbreaks, vaccination or serologic testing should still be considered for HCP born before 1957 who lack laboratory evidence of immunity).