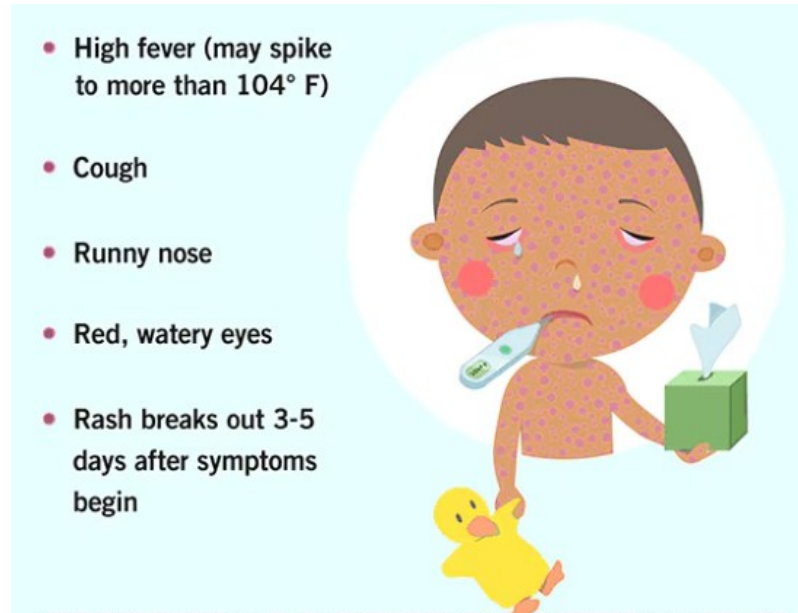




Georgia Project Firstline

A trained staff is a safe staff. What [notifiable disease](#) pictured in the image should you suspect?



<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/images/measles-infographic.png>

Yes, think measles. Did you see the latest DPH Health Alert?



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Health Alert: Measles (Rubeola)

Georgia Department of Public Health Requests Reports of Suspect Measles Cases

Action Steps:

Local health departments: *Please forward to hospitals and clinics in your jurisdiction.*

Hospitals and clinics: *Please distribute to infectious disease doctors, infection preventionists, emergency department physicians, intensive care physicians, neurologists, radiologists, primary care providers, and pediatricians.*

Summary

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed a case of measles in a resident of the metro Atlanta area. DPH is working with specific healthcare facilities that this individual visited while infectious, to identify any persons that may have been exposed during those healthcare visits on Jan. 19-24, 2025. The index patient was unvaccinated against measles and acquired the virus while traveling within the United States. Most cases reported in 2024 have been in persons who had not received measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Therefore, DPH urges healthcare providers to maintain heightened awareness for patients with symptoms compatible with measles and recent domestic and international travel.

Test your knowledge: [The America Academy of Pediatrics Project Firstline Measles Quiz](#).

Does your staff know what actions to take? Identify, isolate, inform.

Actions Requested of Healthcare Providers:

- Consider measles in persons with febrile rash illness and clinically compatible symptoms (cough, coryza, and/or conjunctivitis) and a history of recent international or domestic travel, exposure to international travelers, or exposure to a possible measles case.
- **Isolate persons with suspected measles IMMEDIATELY (negative pressure room, if available). Patients should be managed in a manner that prevents disease spread in the healthcare setting**
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/isolation-guidelines-H.pdf>
- Obtain appropriate clinical specimens. Laboratory testing for measles is required for confirmation. This includes throat swabs and urine for measles PCR and culture, and blood for serology testing (see Laboratory Testing section above)
- Report suspected cases of measles **IMMEDIATELY** by calling your local District Health Office or the DPH Acute Disease Epidemiology Section at 404-657-2588 during business hours Monday through Friday, or 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584) after-hours on evenings and weekends.
- Ensure patients are up to date on their vaccinations according to CDC's recommended schedules for children and adults.

Connect with your region's [Infection Prevention and Control Education Expert \(IPCEE\)](#) to learn about measles and other highly infectious pathogens. Also, take advantage of [CDC's Project Firstline](#) free resources. They are [designed to empower health care workers](#) to think critically about infection control.

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