

# FAQS ABOUT MEASLES

## WHAT IS MEASLES?

Measles is an acute viral respiratory illness caused by the measles virus.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

High fever, cough, runny nose, red/watery eyes, and a red rash with raised bumps starting at the hairline and moving to the arms and legs.

## HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Measles is highly contagious and spread person to person through the air.

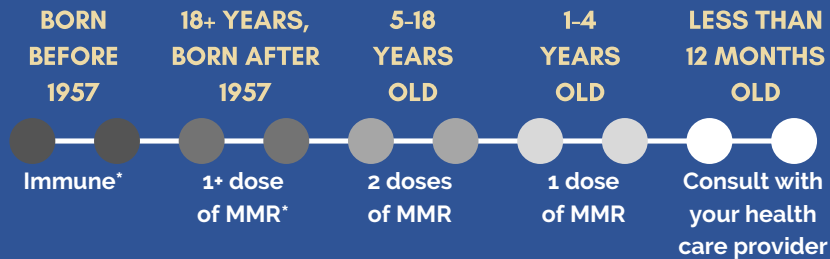
## WHAT IS THE RISK?

Everyone may be at risk for measles. Most at risk are infants, unimmunized individuals, and those with only one dose of the MMR vaccine.

## WHO CAN GET VACCINATED?

Children receive their first MMR dose between 12-15 months old. The second dose is given between 4-6 years old. Adults with no proof of immunity should receive 1 dose if not high risk and 2 doses if high risk (health care workers, college students, and international travelers).

## PROOF OF IMMUNITY:



Lab evidence of immunity is acceptable proof of immunity for all ages.  
\*Health care workers, college students, and international travelers will need lab evidence of immunity or 2 doses of MMR.

## HOW DO I PROTECT AGAINST MEASLES?

The best way to prevent measles is to get the MMR vaccine.



## WHERE DO I GET VACCINATED?

To get vaccinated you can call your doctor's office, pharmacy, or local health department (based on eligibility).

## WHAT IF I'M NOT IMMUNE OR CAN'T FIND MY RECORDS?

1. You can get the MMR vaccine. Even if you are unsure if you have already received it, it is not harmful to get an additional dose.
2. You can get a blood test to check for immunity.

## WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW MY IMMUNIZATION STATUS?

Check for your immunization records on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) or call your doctor's office.

## HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE MMR VACCINE?

The measles vaccine is 97% effective with 2 doses and 93% effective with 1 dose.



If you have any question regarding the MMR vaccine, immunity, or exposure to measles, please call your health care provider or local health department.

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