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Subject: Measles Guidance for the Upcoming Travel Season

Dear Public Health Partner,

CDC is committed to supporting state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments and other public health partners with timely information and resources on measles. With continued measles transmission in areas across North America and expected increases in international and domestic travel and large events during spring and summer, additional [measles cases](#) are anticipated in the coming months.

Maintaining vigilance for measles is essential, and CDC is sharing guidance to support public health action.

To help prepare for travel season, state and local health departments can:

- Report measles immediately (within 24 hours) to CDC (measlesreport@cdc.gov) and through the [National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System \(NNDSS\)](#).
- Establish measles case reporting within hospitals and to public health authorities.
- Record and report details about cases of measles, including any close contacts and locations visited while infectious (i.e., 4 days before and after rash onset).
- Conduct active surveillance to identify any additional suspected cases of measles and facilitate transportation of specimens immediately to confirm the diagnosis.
- Enhance outreach and communications to under-vaccinated communities through trusted messengers.
- Consider utilizing state-based [syndromic surveillance](#) to monitor changes in healthcare seeking behavior for febrile rash illness or vitamin A toxicity.
- Use CDC's [Be Ready for Measles toolkit](#) to communicate with different audiences when preparing for and responding to measles cases and outbreaks. These materials and others in the toolkit are available in additional languages and printer-friendly versions, which can be requested by emailingmeaslesresources@cdc.gov.

CDC is ready to support health departments upon request. CDC remains fully engaged in protecting the nation's health and will continue providing updates and coordinated support to help ensure communities have the tools they need to prevent and contain measles.

Thank you for the critical work you do every day to prevent measles and protect communities across the country. Your dedication to prevention and rapid response is essential to stopping the spread of disease and safeguarding those at highest risk. We are grateful for your continued partnership, your expertise, and your commitment to keeping people safe.



Resources

- Information on measles for health departments can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/php/guidance/index.html>
- Resources and tools to help support measles preparedness and response efforts can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/php/toolkit/index.html>
- Information for the public on measles and how to protect yourself can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/index.html>

Sample Social Media Messages

You can use or adapt these messages on your social media channels to increase awareness about the importance of measles vaccination, especially prior to travel.

- Healthcare providers: During the spring and summer travel season, make sure your patients are protected against measles. Learn how to recognize measles in patients:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/clinical-overview/>
- Parents: As you get ready for travel, make sure you and your loved ones are protected against measles before departure, no matter where you are going. The best way to protect against measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Learn more:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/resources/before-after-travel-fact-sheet.html>
- Measles can be serious. It can cause complications like pneumonia (infection of the lungs) and encephalitis (swelling of the brain). Symptoms include
 - High fever
 - Rash
 - Cough
 - Red and/or watery eyes
 - Runny noseTalk to your doctor about MMR vaccination for you and your loved ones!
- Measles can be serious. Outbreaks have been reported in the U.S. and internationally. Make sure you and your family are protected with measles vaccination before traveling.
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/plan-for-travel.html>



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Sample Social Media Graphic



This social media graphic is available in 4 sizes:

- [1080x1080](#)
- [1080x1350](#)
- [1600x900](#)
- [1200x675](#)

To request additional communication materials please email measlesresources@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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