

MEASLES

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

Measles symptoms typically include:



High fever
(may spike to more than 104°F)



Cough



Runny nose



Red and/or watery eyes



Rash
(breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin)

Measles can be serious.

Measles can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and death.



1 out of 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized.



1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling, which may lead to brain damage.



1 out of every 20 children with measles will get pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.



1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die.

Measles is highly contagious

and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. One person with measles can spread it to **9 out of 10 unvaccinated people** around them.



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Vaccination is the best way to prevent measles

A child should get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine at ages 12-15 months and 4-6 years. Two doses are **97%** effective against measles.



Find information on where to get vaccines for children.



Find information on where to get vaccines for adults.