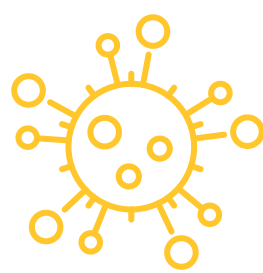




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Here's What We Know: **Measles and Vaccines**

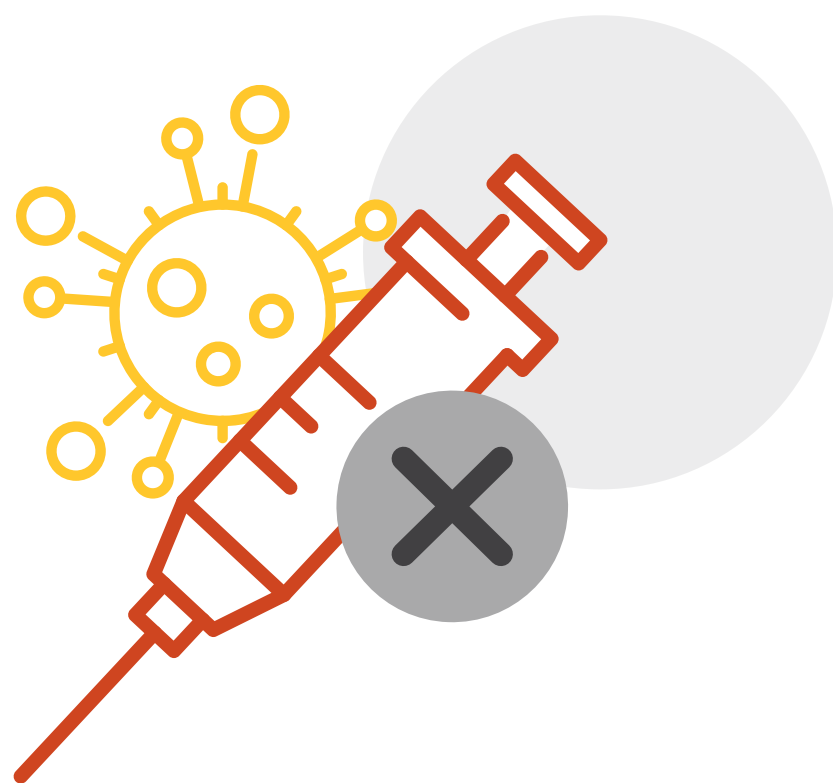


Measles was eliminated in the United States in 2000, but it remains a health concern. Here's a look at the current situation and the critical role of vaccination.

A Look at Recent Trends

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

-  There have been **a number of measles outbreaks across the country** in 2025.
-  The overwhelming majority of these infections have **occurred in unvaccinated individuals**.
-  **Children and adolescents have been particularly vulnerable.** Most of those hospitalized have been under the age of 5.



The Measles Vaccine

Today, the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine remains the best protection against measles. **The vaccine contains the following:**



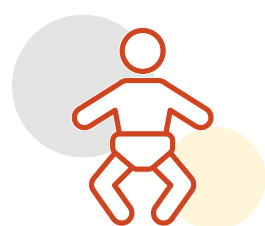
A weakened form of measles that has **proven effective at providing long-term protection**



Additional vaccines against mumps and rubella and sometimes varicella (chickenpox)

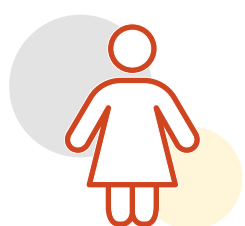
Timing Your Vaccine

For maximum protection, get the right shots at the right time.



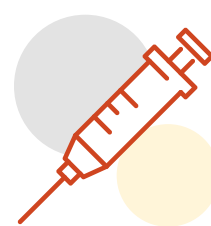
Babies

Infants usually get their first MMR vaccine **between 12 and 15 months of age.**



Toddlers

A booster shot **between 4 and 6 years** offers maximum protection.



You

If you're unsure of your vaccine status, **talk to your primary care provider.**

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