

What to Know About Measles



How Dangerous is Measles?

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can lead to hospitalizations and death especially in young children, older adults, pregnant people and those with weakened immune systems.

While measles was declared "eliminated" from the U.S. in 2000, measles is now back in the U.S. and cases are popping up in local communities.

Can Measles Be Prevented?

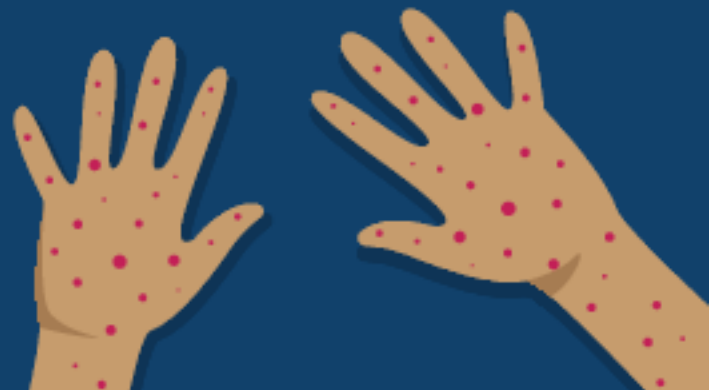
The good news is that **measles can be prevented with a safe and effective vaccine.** This is your best defense. Get vaccinated if you are not already.



Up to **9 in 10 people** who lack immunity and are exposed to an infected person will become infected with measles.



136,000 lives were lost to measles worldwide in 2022, mostly children. Measles is preventable with just **2 doses** of vaccine.



How do I get vaccinated?

Talk with your health care provider or call your local health department. **Learn more at Michigan.gov/Measles.**