

Measles Resource Guide

A Directory of Trusted Public Health Resources for Clinical, Surveillance, Communications, and Laboratory Response

Measles—once eliminated in the U.S.—is resurging across multiple jurisdictions. This curated directory connects the public health workforce with trusted resources for clinical recognition, case investigation, laboratory confirmation, outbreak response, congregate-setting preparedness, and risk communication—plus state-adapted tools available through CSTE Connect (*for CSTE members*).

Clinical Guidance

- [Clinical Diagnosis Fact Sheet](#)
Quick-reference signs/symptoms and diagnostic criteria.
- [Clinical Provider Flowsheet](#)
Tool for evaluating patients with rash & fever.
- [Pink Book – Ch. 13: Measles](#)
Comprehensive reference on pathogenesis, vaccination, epidemiology.
- [Clinical Overview of Measles](#)
CDC clinical guidance on measles diagnosis and treatment.
- [Yellow Book - Measles](#)
Health information for international travel.
- [Recommendations for Measles Testing](#)
VPD measles testing recommendations.
- [Measles Skin Assessment Guidance](#)
Guidance for assessing measles rash across diverse skin tones
- [APIC Measles Playbook](#)
Infection control playbook for Measles

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Case Investigation & Contact Tracing

- [Surveillance Manual, Ch. 7: Measles](#)
Case definition, classification, and investigation protocols.
- [Measles Operational Guidance*](#)
Operational guidance to support implementation of national case definition for confirmed/probable classification.
- [Measles Case Definition \(2013\)[†]](#)
*National case definition for confirmed/probable classification.
[†] An updated case definition was approved in 2026 and will be published later this year; this link will be updated once available.*
- [Measles Investigation Form](#)
CDC standard case/contact investigation template.
- [Measles REDCap Templates](#)
REDCap templates for measles case investigation and contact tracing.

“Be Ready for Measles” CDC Toolkit

- [Be Ready for Measles Toolkit](#)
Central hub: fact sheets, checklists, videos, and graphics for clinicians, health departments, and the public.
- [For Public Health Professionals](#)
Entry point for case investigation, surveillance, and outbreak guidance.
- [Checklist for Healthcare Workers](#)
Preparedness and response checklist for clinical staff and facilities.

Laboratory Guidance

- [CDC Laboratory Testing for Measles](#)
Specimen collection, testing methods, and reporting guidance.
- [APHL/ASM Lab Testing FAQ](#)
Joint FAQ; includes referral to APHL/CDC VPD Reference Centers.
- [WHO/TechNet-21 Lab Manual](#)
WHO reference for methods, specimen handling, and QA.
- [Genetic Analysis of Measles Viruses](#)
Genotyping measles viruses to track outbreaks.

Outbreak Response & Surveillance

- [Outbreak Preparedness Checklist](#)
Step-by-step checklist for health department response activities.
- [Measles Case Line List](#)
Example Excel line list for tracking cases and contacts.
- [Immune Globulin PEP Fact Sheet](#)
Eligibility, timing, and dosing for post-exposure prophylaxis.

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Surveillance & Analytic Tools

- [CDC Measles Cases & Outbreaks](#)
Track current case counts and trends nationally.
- [Johns Hopkins IVAC U.S. Measles Tracker](#)
Cross-jurisdictional view of outbreak activity.
- [Yale School of PH Measles Situation Report](#)
Yale VMOC's measles situation report.
- [CORI Measles Dashboard](#)
Case data across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, plus state- and county-level MMR coverage.
- [Forecasting & Analytics](#)
Case study: modeling approaches used in the 2024 Chicago shelter measles outbreak (CDC CFA).
- [Comparative Guide for Analytic & Modeling Tools](#)
Measles outbreak modeling tools comparison.
- [Wastewater Data for Measles](#)
CDC measles wastewater surveillance data.

Communications Resources

- [Measles Resources \(Public + Provider\)](#)
Fact sheets, posters, social content, decision trees, camp checklists, and immunity record templates.

Need additional languages or editable/printer-friendly versions? Access the Be Ready for Measles Toolkit or contact measlesresources@cdc.gov.
- [Public Health Communication Collaboration](#)
Outbreak data, myth-debunking, and ready-to-share messaging
- [Vaccine Hesitancy Toolkit](#)
Toolkit for talking with vaccine-hesitant parents.

Congregate Setting Guidance

From the CDC Be Ready for Measles Toolkit — outbreak checklists for:

- [Correctional Facilities](#)
- [Early Care & Education Centers](#)
- [Higher Education](#)
- [K-12 Schools](#)
- [Shelters](#)
- [Summer Camps](#)

From Public Health Partner Organizations:

- [Educational Professionals Toolkit for Vaccine Catch Up](#)
- [Early Childhood Education Toolkit for Vaccine Catch Up](#)
- [Measles Prevention & Tips for Camps](#)

For CSTE Members

- [CSTE Connect Measles Library](#)
State and local adaptations of case forms, line lists, and templates.
- [CSTE Connect Community Map](#)
Connect with peer jurisdictions.
- [Position Statement Archive](#)
Historical measles case definitions (search “measles”)

