



IMPORTANT: Please read this [Health Alert Network](#) issued by the CDC in regard to the expanding measles outbreak in the United States and guidance for the upcoming travel season.

No measles case has been reported in Oregon for this year. [Deschutes county's 2023 immunization rate](#) (measles) for 2-year-olds is 85.9%, down from 86.5% in 2022, 87.6% in 2021, and 89.7% in 2020.

All clinicians are required to immediately report suspect and confirmed cases of measles to the [Local Public Health Authority](#) for the jurisdiction in which the patient resides.

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Report the following information to LPHA: patient name, date of birth, address, contact information, language spoken, clinical presentation, date of rash onset, travel history, any known exposures to measles, and vaccination history

Please adhere to measles infection control practices throughout the patient evaluation to prevent exposure of other patients.

While measles is not circulating in Oregon, prior approval by public health will be required for measles PCR testing by the **Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL)**. Both of the criteria below must be met for measles PCR testing at OSPHL. If the criteria are not met, clinicians should instead submit specimens for measles testing to commercial laboratories.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Acute febrile rash illness compatible with measles and with no more likely explanation for the clinical presentation;

AND

2. Plausible exposure to measles—i.e., linkage to another case or travel to an area where measles is known to be circulating.

If testing at OSPHL is approved, collect specimens in accordance with the guidance on the [OSPHL Lab Test Menu](#) for Measles Real-Time RT-PCR. Specimens should be transported to OSPHL using facilities' available transport mechanisms, if available. If specimen transport support is needed, contact OSPHL at 503-693-4100.

See also the [Measles Investigative Guidelines](#) for detailed information about testing,

isolation, and vaccination.

To request this information in an alternate format, please call (541) 322-7444
or send an email to info@deschutes.org.

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