

# Community Response Partner Network

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## Latest News on Measles in Philadelphia

- The Health Department announced today, Friday, April 11, 2025, that people who were at the following sites on the days listed may have been exposed to measles.
  - Pennsylvania Hospital Emergency Department
    - 800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
      - Sunday, April 6, 2025, between 3:55pm and 11:20pm
  - Holy Redeemer Hospital Emergency Department
    - 1648 Huntingdon Pike, Meadowbrook, PA 19046
      - Tuesday, April 8, 2025, between 6:05pm and 9:45pm
- If you were at any of the sites on the days listed, call your healthcare provider to see if you're immune to measles and watch for symptoms.
- **This measles case was exposed while traveling abroad and is not connected with the outbreak in the western states.**
- Find the measles vaccine here: <https://bit.ly/PhilaMeasles>
- Find the latest information about measles in Philadelphia here: <https://bit.ly/MeaslesPHL2025>

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO MEASLES

### Check if you are protected against measles.

- You are considered protected (immune) if you:
  - Were born before 1957, *or*
  - Have already had measles, *or*
  - Have received **two doses** of measles-containing vaccine (usually given as measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine), *or*
  - Have a blood test showing immunity to measles, *or*
    - Check with your healthcare provider to see if you or your child has the correct doses for their age.
- If you are protected from measles, you do not have to do anything. **Measles vaccine is extremely effective at preventing measles.**

## IF YOU ARE NOT PROTECTED FROM MEASLES, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A DOSE OF MMR VACCINE.

- Contact your healthcare provider or pediatrician as soon as possible.
  - You may qualify for post-exposure treatment, which can help prevent measles.
  - Ask them to call the health department.
  - This is especially important for anyone who is under 12 months of age, pregnant, or has a weakened immune system.

Any Philadelphia resident can get a free MMR vaccine in Philadelphia at these City Health Centers, Monday through Friday, from 9am – 1pm. No appointment or insurance required.

- Health Center 3 – 555 S. 43rd St. | 215-685-7504
  - Health Center 4 – 4400 Haverford Ave. | 215-685-7601
  - Health Center 5 Annex – 2001 W. Berks St. | 215-685-2933
  - Mattie L. Humphrey Health Center (Health Center 9) – 131 E. Cheltenham Ave. | 215-685-5701
  - Strawberry Mansion Health Center – 2840 W. Dauphin St. | 215-685-2401
- **If you were at the Pennsylvania Hospital Emergency Department on April 6 during the times listed above, you should:**
    - Stay at home until Sunday, April 27.
    - Contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms.
  - **If you were at the Holy Redeemer Emergency Department on April 8 during the times listed above, you should:**
    - Stay at home until Tuesday, April 29.
    - Contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms.
  - **If you develop any measles-like symptoms (fever, runny nose, cough, puffy eyes, followed by rash), you should:**
    - Contact your healthcare provider as soon as possible. Tell them you may have been exposed to measles.
    - Contact the Health Department by calling 215-685-6740, then pressing #5.
    - Make sure your provider knows you were exposed to measles before you go to the office.

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- **If you're traveling internationally, the following groups should receive a vaccine dose at least 2 weeks before travel:**
  - Infants who are 6-12 months old (they'll still get the standard 2 doses for kids after they turn 1).
  - Children at least 1 year old who haven't received their second dose.
  - Adults with only one dose and no test results that show they're immune to measles.
- See this flyer for more information: [https://vaccines.phila.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Measles-Traveling-Flyer\\_03-06-2025.pdf](https://vaccines.phila.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Measles-Traveling-Flyer_03-06-2025.pdf)

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE PARTNER NETWORK RESOURCES

### PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESOURCES

#### Learn more about respiratory viruses and people with disabilities.

- Respiratory virus resources: [bit.ly/RespVirusResources](https://bit.ly/RespVirusResources)
- Tailored health promotion materials: [bit.ly/CDCHealthPromo](https://bit.ly/CDCHealthPromo)

#### Sign up for ReadyPhiladelphia alerts - text 'ReadyPhila' to 888-777!

- You can receive free text messages on emergencies, such as severe weather.
- Alerts are available in English, French, Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Swahili, and American Sign Language (ASL).
- Be the first to know, then share important information with family and neighbors.

#### Text-to-911 in Philadelphia

- People who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and anyone facing communication barriers can use this service to send an emergency text to 911 in Philly: [bit.ly/PATextTo911](https://bit.ly/PATextTo911)

### COVID-19 RESOURCES

#### Get free at-home COVID-19 tests!

- Visit a Health Department Resource Hub for testing kits (three kits per person): [bit.ly/ResourceHubsPHL](https://bit.ly/ResourceHubsPHL). No insurance or ID required.
- Community-based organizations, organizers, venues, and the public can apply to receive 100 free at-home kits and face masks to share with their communities: [bit.ly/TestKitDistrib](https://bit.ly/TestKitDistrib)

#### Free COVID-19 vaccine for uninsured and underinsured Philadelphians:

- To find the most up to date information on COVID vaccination: [bit.ly/COVIDvaxPHL](https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxPHL)

### PDPH INFORMATION

#### Have a question? Contact the Call Center at 215-685-5488.

- The PDPH Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 5:00PM.
  - Press 3 for interpretation in your language, press 2 for Spanish.
  - Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

#### Find us online!

- Health Department website: [phila.gov/health](https://phila.gov/health)
- Health Department social media: [facebook.com/phillyhealth](https://facebook.com/phillyhealth) and [twitter@PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter@PHLPublicHealth).

### HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- Sign up at [bit.ly/phlcommunityresponse](https://bit.ly/phlcommunityresponse) to get essential public health information, then share with your family, friends, and community.
- Questions or suggestions? Email us at [publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov](mailto:publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov) or call us at 215-429-3016 with any questions or suggestions.
- To view an archive of past Community Response Partner Network (CRPN) newsletters, visit: [bit.ly/PHPOutreachNewsletter](https://bit.ly/PHPOutreachNewsletter).