



Public Information Release

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Measles Case Reported in Madison County December 13, 2022

MADISON COUNTY- Madison County Public Health (MCPH) has been notified of an individual testing positive for measles this week. This case is isolated and is linked to the current measles outbreak in Central Ohio.

MCPH has been working closely with our local healthcare providers to provide measles testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and prevention and treatment options. The best protection against measles is measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Anyone who has not been immunized or had measles in the past is at risk. Babies younger than 12 months are at risk because they are too young to have been vaccinated.

As of today, there have been 74 confirmed cases of measles in the Central Ohio region, with most cases reported in Franklin County. Out of the 74 confirmed cases, 69 cases are among unvaccinated individuals. The majority of confirmed cases are among children aged 1 to 5 years old.

Measles is caused by a virus and spreads very easily when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. Measles spreads so easily that anyone who is exposed and not immune (either by being immunized or having had measles in the past) will probably get it.

Measles symptoms don't appear until 10 to 12 days after exposure. Symptoms can include cough, runny nose, fever, red/watery eyes, tiny white spots inside the mouth, and skin rash. Rash typically starts at the hairline and moves down, with the face breaking out first.

To schedule an appointment for an MMR vaccine, call MCPH at 740-852-3065 option 9. For more information about measles, visit odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vaccine-preventable-diseases/resources/Measles.