

FEVER AND RASH? CONSIDER MEASLES

Outbreaks of measles are occurring in Los Angeles County.
Measles is highly contagious.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS:



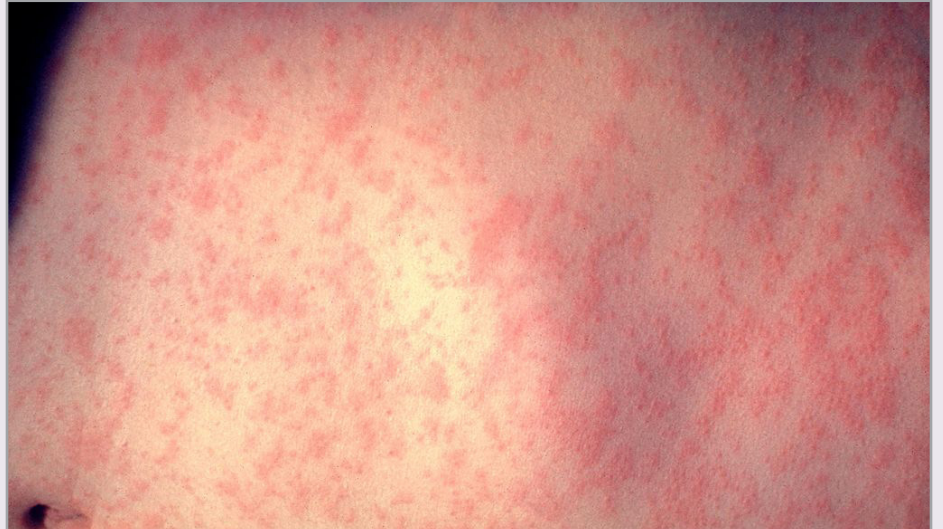
Suspect measles in patients with:

- Fever
- Generalized rash



Ask About:

- Travel in past 3 weeks
- Vaccine history
- Exposure to measles cases



Prodrome:

- Fever
- Cough
- Coryza
- Conjunctivitis



Exanthem:

- Red, maculopapular rash that may become confluent
- Classically, rash begins on face before spreading to trunk and extremities
- Koplik's spots may be present

IF YOU SUSPECT MEASLES

- **IMMEDIATELY** institute airborne isolation precautions.
- **IMMEDIATELY** call Public Health to arrange testing (see below).
Do not wait for laboratory confirmation to report.
- **DO NOT** routinely send suspect cases to the Emergency Department unless they require hospitalization.
- **NOTIFY** other facilities prior to referral.
- **DO NOT** use any regular exam room for at least **2 hours** after a suspected measles patient has left the room.

Call LA County Public Health for consultation.

Weekdays 8:30am – 5:00pm call: 213-351-7800 (ask for epidemiologist on call).

After hours or on weekends call: 213-974-1234.