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MEASLES

What is the measles?

Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. It is also called rubeola.

How is measles spread?

Measles may be spread through the following ways:

- Through airborne droplets caused by coughing or sneezing.
- By direct contact with infected nose or throat droplets.

What are possible symptoms?

Symptoms may include:

- Rash that starts on the face and neck, and then spreads
- High fever
- Runny nose
- Red watery eyes
- Cough

How is measles diagnosed?

By a medical examination and by lab work.

What is the treatment for measles?

- There is no specific treatment.
- Children with measles should be kept out of school for 4 days after the rash appears, and fever and other symptoms are gone.

How can measles be prevented?

- Measles can be prevented by the measles vaccine. The vaccine is given as part of the MMR vaccine which is given to children beginning at 12-15 months of age and again at 4 to 6 years of age.

For more information on measles:

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