



## **Provider Alert: Confirmed Measles Case in Seattle-King County**

**February 28, 2025**

*Please review important information shared from the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) Office of Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Program.*

**NOTE: Our 24-hour Communicable Disease phone number is 360-770-8852.**

**A case of measles has been confirmed in a Seattle-King County infant who traveled internationally. Because of Skagit County's close proximity to Seattle, please be aware of the following information.**

### **Current Situation in Washington**

Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) was notified February 26, 2025, of a confirmed measles case in a King County infant. The infant may have been exposed to measles during recent travel abroad. Exposed individuals should check to make sure they have been vaccinated against measles. This is the first case of measles in Washington in 2025.

**PHSKC has identified the following public locations, dates, and times where potential exposures to measles may have occurred in Washington:**

- Thursday, February 20, 2025
  - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Apple Store at Bellevue Square, 213 Bellevue Square, Bellevue, WA
- Friday-Saturday, February 21-22, 2025
  - 10:30 pm - 2:15 am: Seattle Children's Hospital, Emergency Department, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA

- Monday, February 24, 2025
  - 1:00 - 4:15 pm: Allegro Pediatrics-Bothell, 11724 NE 195th St, Suite 100, Bothell, WA
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025
  - 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Northwest Asthma & Allergy Center, 8301 161st St. Ave NE, Suite 308, Redmond, WA
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025
  - 2:30 - 5:30 pm: Seattle Children’s Hospital, Emergency Department, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA

### **Current Situation in Texas**

The Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting an outbreak of measles in the South Plains region of Texas. At this time, 146 cases have been identified since late January. Twenty of the patients have been hospitalized. There has been one fatality in a school-aged child who lived in the outbreak area. The child was not vaccinated.

Due to the highly contagious nature of this disease, additional cases are likely to occur in the outbreak area and the surrounding communities. Investigation is ongoing. [Learn more about the situation here.](#)

### **Actions Requested**

- **Please consider measles in patients who:**
  - Present with febrile rash illness and the “three Cs”: cough, coryza (runny nose) or conjunctivitis (pink eye)
  - Recently traveled internationally or were exposed to someone with confirmed measles or were present at the locations and times listed above.
    - Anticipated symptom onset dates for people linked to one of the Seattle exposure locations: between February 27 and March 18, 2025.
- **When symptoms and exposure risk is indicated, complete the [Suspect Measles Assessment Form](#) and, if testing is indicated, immediately**

notify Skagit County Public Health via the 24 hour on call phone at 360-770-8852.

- **If measles testing is confirmed via public health contact with WA PHL, follow specimen collection guidance.**
  - Preferred specimens are Nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs and urine specimens.
  - Due to a national shortage of measles IgM test kits, serum specimens will be submitted to CDC if IgM testing is approved.
  - Measles IgG testing continues to be available at WA PHL.

### **Prevention Through Vaccination**

- Check the MMR vaccination status of every patient and strongly recommend vaccination for unvaccinated children or adults according to [ACIP recommendations](#).
- Link patients to a vaccine location if you are unable to vaccinate. Refer adult patients to their preferred vaccinating pharmacy or have them call Public Health for bilingual assistance at 360-416-1500.

### **Resources**

- [PHSKC Public Health Insider Post](#)
  - [PHSKC-HA-Measles-Feb2025.pdf](#)
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**Thank you for your partnership in keeping Skagit County healthy!**



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