

Notification About Measles from Toronto Public Health

Toronto Public Health is investigating an outbreak of measles. A case of measles was related to an elementary school in Toronto. Measles is also circulating in other part of Canada and Europe.

High vaccination rates of measles vaccines in schools helps to prevent the spread in schools.

Measles is a very contagious disease that spreads through the air when a person infected with the virus breathes, coughs or sneezes. Symptoms include a high fever, red blotchy rash, red eyes and cold like symptoms.

If a student or staff in a school has symptoms suspected of measles, the school principals should:

- contact the parent right away. Isolate the child in a room with the door closed to reduce the risk of the child exposing others;
- advise the parent not to take the child directly to any medical office or facility such as a hospital ER without calling ahead and telling them that they think they or their child has measles;
- report this to Toronto Public Health by calling 416-392-7411; or 3-1-1 after hours.

For additional information on Measles please visit our website at <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=d363c04e71022410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>