

# Measles Symptoms

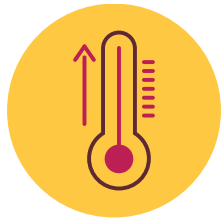
Measles spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes and can live in the air and on surfaces for two hours. 9 out of 10 exposed individuals who are not immune will get sick. Measles symptoms can become worse over time leading to severe complications, including death, especially for babies, young children, pregnant women, and immunocompromised individuals.

## Measles symptoms start similar to a common cold

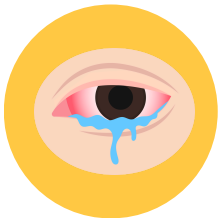
### First you may experience...



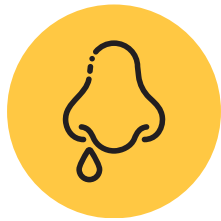
Cough



Fever



Red, watery eyes



Runny Nose

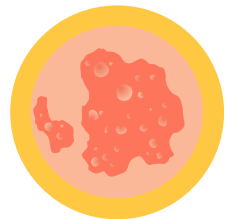
### Two or three days later you may start to see...

Spots inside the mouth



### Three to five days later you may start to see...

The measles rash, which typically begins at the hairline and spreads down the chest and back.



**Measles symptoms can take 7 to 21 days to appear after exposure. If you think you have been exposed or are experiencing these symptoms, contact your health care provider or local health department immediately.**