NJ Health
New Jersey Department of Health
Communicable Disease Service

Measles Preparedness for Schools

Promote Prevention

- ✓ Ensure all children **and** staff are up to date on MMR vaccination or have **evidence of immunity**.
  - Advise parents to consult child's health care provider regarding immunity questions or concerns.
  - Encourage staff to receive MMR vaccine if they do not have documented immunity.
- ✓ Remind children **and** staff to stay home when sick.

Prepare Before a Measles Case Occurs

- ✓ Establish a point of contact with your local health department (**LHD**).
- ✓ Review and maintain accurate school vaccination records.
  - All enrolled children must have current documented evidence of immunity for measles, or a valid exemption, per **NJ Immunization Requirements**.
  - Encourage staff to provide documented evidence of immunity to measles and develop a record of staff immune status, maintaining confidentiality in accordance with state and federal requirements.
- ✓ Be familiar with school layout and ventilation/air handling systems.
- ✓ Develop a policy for continued instruction for students in isolation or quarantine.
- ✓ Review additional **NJDOH measles school guidance**.

Develop Measles Response Procedures

- ✓ Establish a plan for children or staff with measles symptoms, including:
  - Designate an isolation room (or safe outdoor space if needed).
  - Keep masks available for anyone with measles symptoms.
- ✓ Designate a liaison(s) to work with the LHD, including after-hours.
- ✓ Review protocols for issuing notifications (in collaboration with LHD).
- ✓ Be prepared to:
  - Review attendance records for all children **and** staff and identify everyone who was exposed.
  - Provide exposure list with corresponding evidence of immunity or exemptions.
  - Exclude exposed children **and** staff without documented evidence of immunity, in consultation with LHD.