

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.