Measles

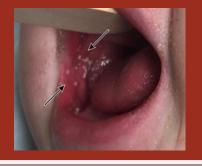
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What is Measles?

- \Rightarrow An **extremely spreadable** virus. Up to 90% of <u>unvaccinated</u> people exposed to measles will get sick.
- \Rightarrow Can be spread up to 4 days before the rash starts
- \Rightarrow Each sick person will infect around 12-18 other people (10x more than flu).
- \Rightarrow More cases in US during Jan-Mar 2025 than the whole year of 2024.
- \Rightarrow Almost all cases (95%) are in unvaccinated people.

Measles Symptoms

High Fever, Cough, Runny Nose, Red Eyes, White Spots in the Mouth, Face/body rash starts 3-5 days after symptoms start



Rash starts on the face and moves down.



Measles Prevention

- Vaccine—Best way to prevent Measles
- The first dose **protects you 93%** from getting measles.
- If you are pregnant, you should **not** receive the vaccine, but others in your house can get it.

Treatment:

- 1 in 5 people with measles have to be in the hospital (Compared to 1 in 100 with the Flu).
- Measles can spread to the lungs and brain and in pregnancy can cause stillbirths.
- Measles has no specific treatment, but most recover with rest and fluids.

To get more information or schedule a vaccination:

Call Adams Medical Group (1-833-724-3627) **or** Adams Health Department (260-724-5327, option 1)



Source: www.cdc.gov/measles

