



EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear East Allegheny Faculty, Staff, and Families,

I want to proactively share information about our planning processes as measles cases continue to be reported across Pennsylvania.

Measles is a serious respiratory illness that spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. It is highly contagious, and the virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.

Pennsylvania requires school-age children to receive two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, commonly called the MMR vaccine, unless they have an approved exemption. During an outbreak or following an exposure, students who are not fully vaccinated may be excluded from in-person school for an extended period, up to 21 days, as directed by public health officials.

Currently, there are no reported measles cases in the East Allegheny School District. Allegheny County reported its first confirmed resident case this week, with no associated school-related exposure. As cases continue to be reported across Pennsylvania, we believe it is important to prepare and make sure families have accurate information.

According to the PA Department of Health and the CDC, two doses of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles, and one dose is 93% effective.

Where to Get the MMR Vaccine

If you need to obtain a vaccine, they are available at your child's health care provider, Urgent Care centers (call to confirm), local pharmacies (check with locations based on child's age), [Federally funded health centers](#) (for under or uninsured individuals), and local health department (LHD) or Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) [state health centers](#).

At the school level, we have been contacting families when updated documentation is needed. At the District level, we have reviewed guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC and updated our internal response procedures should a case of exposure affect our schools.

Our priority is to keep all of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators healthy and safe.

A few additional items of note:

If your child has been exposed to measles or develops symptoms such as a high fever, cough, runny nose, red or watery eyes, or a rash, please do not send your child to school. Call your healthcare provider before going to an office, urgent care, or emergency department, and notify your child's school nurse and front office.

If you have questions about the safety or effectiveness of the MMR vaccine, or whether it is appropriate for your child, please speak with your child's pediatrician or healthcare provider.

Finally, for your reference, please see both our EA Immunization Requirements and the PA Department of Health Measles Information.

[EA Student Immunization Requirements](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Health Measles Information](#)

Sincerely,

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