



Updated measles alert for Melbourne Airport and Metropolitan Melbourne

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Key messages

- Two further cases of measles have been reported in Victoria. This follows two cases of measles in returned overseas travellers recently reported.
- These cases attended multiple exposure sites in Melbourne and surrounds between 14 February 2024 and 1 March 2024 while infectious.
- Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can spread from person-to-person and potentially lead to serious health complications.
- People who have attended the listed exposure sites during the specified dates and times should monitor for symptoms of measles.
- Anyone who is immunocompromised or pregnant and not fully vaccinated for measles and who attended a listed exposure site on 29 February or 1 March should contact their GP to discuss post-exposure prophylaxis as soon as possible.
- Anyone who develops symptoms of measles should seek medical care. Wear a mask and call ahead to make sure you can be isolated from others.
- Healthcare professionals should be alert for measles in patients with fever and rash, particularly those who have recently returned from overseas or attended a listed exposure site during the specified period.
- Suspected cases should be tested, advised to isolate, and notified to the Department of Health immediately by calling 1300 651 160.
- Offer free measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine to people born during or after 1966 who do not have documentation of having received two doses of measles-containing vaccine. Vaccinate all individuals who are unsure of their vaccination history, regardless of Medicare status.
- There is no need to check measles serology prior to vaccination.
- Anyone planning overseas travel should make sure they have received appropriate travel vaccinations, including MMR vaccine.

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