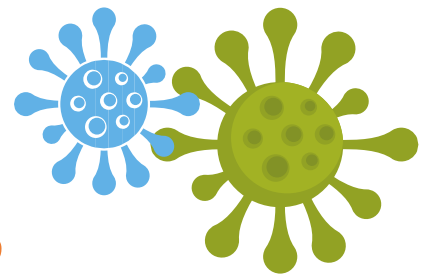


What You Need To Know About Measles



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Measles can cause serious health complications especially in children younger than 5 years of age.

- Symptoms of measles can include:
 - High fever
 - Cough
 - Runny nose
 - Red, watery eyes
 - Rash (3-5 days after symptoms begin)

2

Measles is VERY contagious.

- Measles spreads through air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- One person can infect up to 9-10 people around them if they are not protected.
- An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing they have measles

3

The best protection against the measles is the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) Vaccine.

- Your child needs two doses of MMR vaccine for best protection:
 - The first dose at 12 through 15 months of age
 - The second dose at 4 through 6 years of age

You can find the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) Vaccine at your local pharmacy. If you have questions or concerns about measles or the vaccine please call the Wallingford Health Department at (203) 294-2065.

