## Measles Update - June 27, 2025

# This update includes information for staff, owners, and/or operators of long-term care homes (LTCHs) and/or retirement homes (RHs).

As of June 26, 2025, there have been 2212 measles cases <u>reported in Ontario</u> and associated with the measles outbreak. Cases continue to be predominantly among individuals who are unvaccinated or with unknown vaccination status. There have been three (3) cases of measles in York Region since the start of 2025, one connected to the provincial outbreak.

The risk of measles to long-term care and retirement home residents is considered **extremely low**, as most individuals born before 1970 are likely immune due to natural infection during a time of widespread measles circulation.

Long-term care and retirement home operators are encouraged to reinforce foundational infection prevention and control (IPAC) practices. This includes hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and staying home when sick; encouraging staff and caregivers to get up to date with measles immunization and ensuring they have proof of their immune status (i.e., immunization records) readily accessible.

#### Attention: Proof of measles immunity for all health care staff

All patient-facing staff working in a health care setting including long-term care and retirement homes are advised to have documented proof of measles immunity (i.e., two doses of measles-containing vaccine OR serology) readily available, regardless of birth year.

If your facility is identified as a measles exposure site, staff will be required to provide this proof to public health. If a staff member is unable to provide documentation, they may be required to be excluded from work for up to 21 days following their last exposure or until documentation of immunity can be obtained.

#### If you have a high degree of suspicion for a measles case, report it to YRPH immediately.

Measles is a reportable disease of public health significance under the <u>Health Protection and</u> <u>Promotion Act</u> (HPPA).

 Please call us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588 (Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or 905-953-6478 after hours (before 8:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or 24 hours per day on weekends/holidays)

**Important:** Please <u>isolate your patient</u>. Public health will contact your facility with further direction and support.



### **Additional Resources**

- York Region Public Health: <u>Measles Fact Sheet for Patients</u>
- PHO: Measles Information for Clinicians
- PHO: Measles Serological Testing Information
- PHO: Infection Prevention and Control for Clinical Office Practice
- PHO: Interim IPAC Recommendations and Use of PPE for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed Measles