



Measles Prevention Tips for Camps

Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. It is so contagious that if one person is infected with measles and coughs or sneezes, 90% of the people around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected.

1. Know each camper and staff member's immunization status.

- Require a record of immunizations on the camp's health history form.
- Conduct health screening **PRIOR** to transportation.

2. Have a written health care plan in place, as required.

This will prevent and control the spread of measles and other communicable diseases.

3. Consider tracking the percentage of immunized campers and staff.

This information is important for parents of children who cannot be immunized; it helps them understand the potential risk exposure for their child.

4. Ensure you have educated staff.

- Ensure staff can identify the following measles symptoms:
 - Begins with a **fever**
 - **Coughing** (can last about 10 days)
 - **Runny nose**
 - **Redness of the eyes**
 - Ends with a **rash** (usually starts on head and then spreads to rest of body)
- Have procedures in place to immediately seek medical care if measles is suspected.
- Understand the risk if you accept a camper or staff member who has not been immunized.



PLEASE NOTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT 800.442.2283 TO REPORT A CONFIRMED CASE OF MEASLES OR IF CAMPERS HAVE SYMPTOMS

For more information, visit www.acacamps.org/resource-library/measles-information-camps



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