

HEALTH SERVICES

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) has reported measles cases have been confirmed in at least ten states. We would like to take this opportunity to provide some information about measles and how to prevent it.

Measles is a viral infection that causes fever, cough, a rash, sore eyes, and can lead to serious complications. Measles spreads very easily, so it is important to protect against infection. Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent measles.

Two doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine provide the best protection against disease. These doses must be given at least 28 days apart. MMR vaccine is routinely recommended between 12-15 months with the second dose being given before entering school at 4-6 years. Waivers to the school requirements are available for religious, health, and personal convictions reasons. However, in the event of an outbreak of measles, students with waivers may be excluded from school until the outbreak is declared over.

It is important to check your child's immunization records to make sure he/she has received two doses of MMR vaccine. You may check your child's immunization record by logging on to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm>. Your family health care provider may also have your child's immunization record. If your child needs the MMR vaccine, please contact your health care provider for an appointment. Your local health department can also provide vaccination if you are uninsured, your insurance does not cover vaccines, or your child is a BadgerCare recipient.

For additional information on measles, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles>. You may also contact the district nurses with questions or concerns.

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