



WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MEASLES INFORMATION FOR WMASD FAMILIES

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are sharing an update as measles cases continue to increase across Pennsylvania. This letter is for informational purposes only. Our school health offices are monitoring the situation and will follow guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department.

There are currently no reported cases of measles in the West Mifflin Area School District.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. It can remain in the air for up to two hours after that person leaves. Symptoms often begin with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red or watery eyes. A rash usually follows, starting on the face and moving down the body. People who are not fully vaccinated face the greatest risk. Serious complications are more likely in young children, pregnant individuals, and people with weakened immune systems.

Pennsylvania school immunization requirements include two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, commonly called MMR. Please review your child's immunization record. If you have questions about the vaccine's safety or effectiveness, or whether your child is fully vaccinated, speak with your pediatrician or health care provider. Updated records should be sent to your child's school nurse.

Please contact your child's school health office if your child:

- Has been diagnosed with measles
- Has had a known or suspected exposure to someone with measles
- Develops symptoms following a possible exposure

If you suspect measles, do not send your child to school. Call your health care provider before going to an office, urgent care center, or emergency department. This allows staff to take precautions and limit exposure to others.

If a case is reported in the district, we will work with public health officials and notify affected families. Students who are not protected against measles may be required to stay home and learn remotely for a period set by public health officials.

For school immunization requirements and school nurse contact information, visit the district's [Health Services webpage](#). More information about measles, exposure, and vaccination is available through the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) and the [Allegheny County Health Department](#).

Thank you for reviewing this information and helping us keep WMASD students safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

West Mifflin Area School District Administration