

# DO YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS MEASLES?

## What to do if you think your child has measles

Measles usually starts with a fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes that leads to a rash. If someone in your family has measles symptoms:

**Keep them away from family members** that are not sick.

**Everyone in the house should stay home** to not get your neighbors or people outside of your home sick.

**Call a doctor or hospital right away** to let them know someone in your home is sick with measles. They will give you instructions.



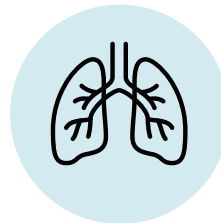
### When to go to the emergency room

If the person who is sick gets rapidly worse or has any of symptoms below take them to the emergency department of a hospital immediately.

**DO NOT WAIT.**



**Trouble breathing**  
(or breathing faster than normal)



**Pain when breathing or coughing**



**Dehydration**  
(dry nose and mouth, urinating less, crying without making tears)



**Fever or headache will not stop**



**Confusion, decreased alertness, or severe weakness**



**Blue color around the mouth, low energy, or difficulty feeding**  
(for young children)

Have someone call before you arrive. Let the hospital know a person with measles is coming.

**BE READY FOR MEASLES**  
[cdc.gov/measles](https://www.cdc.gov/measles)

