

Mission:

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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Dear Community Member:

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) is working closely with Health care providers and community members to identify and notify individuals who may have been exposed to measles following the identification of three infants with measles in Immokalee.

Individuals who have previously had measles or who have received the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine are unlikely to contract measles. Measles is highly contagious and up to 90% of individuals without immunity may contract the disease if exposed.

MMR vaccine can be administered to infants 6-11 months of age when there is an increased risk of measles exposure in communities, or prior to international travel. Children who receive an MMR vaccine before their first birthday are still recommended to receive two MMR vaccine doses according to the routine schedule.

MMR vaccine is available at pediatrician's offices or at DOH-Collier (419 North First St, Immokalee, FL. Phone: 239-252-7300).

If your infant (less than 12 months old) is exposed to measles, contact your health care provider to discuss treatment options including post-exposure MMR vaccine or another medication (immune globulin) to prevent measles.

Residents are encouraged to monitor their family for:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Followed by a rash that often begins on the face and neck before spreading

Anyone showing symptoms of measles should stay at home unless seeking health care and not attend group events until they are fully recovered without medication. Measles can be transmitted four days before to four days after the rash appears. **If you suspect measles or notice these symptoms, contact your health care provider before visiting a clinic or hospital to receive instructions on how to seek care safely and prevent further exposure to others.**

If anyone in your household is diagnosed with measles, all household members are consider exposed and are asked to monitor themselves for symptoms.

