

Clinical Office Checklist for Measles

Infection Prevention and Control Information for Health Professionals to prepare the clinical office for a patient with suspected measles.

Isolate suspected or confirmed cases of measles immediately into a single room with closed door. Report all suspected cases of measles to the Windsor-Essex Health Unit immediately using the *Measles Health Care Provider Investigation & Reporting Form* available on the WECHU website (www.wechu.org/forms).

Preparation Checklist

- Screen patients over the phone for signs/symptoms of measles at the time of booking an appointment.
- Make efforts to arrange appointments for symptomatic patients at the end of the day when there are no other patients present.
- Have an area to don and doff PPE away from other patients and staff. To avoid contamination with clean PPE, place clean PPE at a distance of 6 feet away from the doffing area.
- Ensure your office has testing specimen containers/supplies for testing measles: *Nasopharyngeal Swab, Throat Swab, Urine and Serology*.
- Check expiry dates of specimen kits. Additional kits can be ordered from Public Health Ontario Lab. For each laboratory requisition, clearly mark “suspect case of measles”.
- Ensure you have a hospital-grade or low-level disinfectant to clean office space, exam rooms, and shared medical equipment.

Patients Visiting the Clinical Office

- Quickly triage patients out of common waiting areas and move symptomatic patients to an exam room.
- Provide a medical mask for the patient to wear at all times.
- Keep the exam room door closed; the virus remains in the room for 2 hours after the patient has left the space.
- If possible, have the symptomatic patient enter and exit through a separate entrance and go in and out the exam room directly.
- Health Care Providers should wear a medical mask in the exam room.
- Only staff immune to measles should provide care. An N95 mask is not necessary if the Health Care Provider has documented immunity.

Measles Prevention

- If a patient’s immunization records are unavailable, immunization with measles-containing vaccine is preferable to ordering serological testing to determine immune status.

For more information on clinical presentation, testing and diagnosis, and immunization eligibility refer to Public Health Ontario’s document, [Measles: Information for Health Care Providers](#)