

What Schools Can Do Now to Prepare for a Measles Case

- Identify students with 0 or 1 dose of MMR vaccine (and no medical waiver) and notify parents of the fact that student does not meet immunization requirements and what will happen if there is a case of measles at the school. [Sample letter](#)
- Consider sending a letter to parents of all students to provide education about measles and MMR vaccine and the current outbreak. [Sample letter](#)
- Notify staff members of what proof of immunity will be required if there is a case of measles at the school so they can try to obtain proof now (e.g. copies of a baby book or immunization card, records from a pediatrician's office). This is important, many staff members do not have this information readily available. Without proof of vaccination they would need to undergo serological testing, which can take up to 2 days during which they may not be able to work. You may not have enough staff to hold school during those days if most staff members do not have written documentation of immunization. Staff members can check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm> They may need to call their medical clinic or WIR (266-9691) to register to access the record.
 - Proof of immunity:
 - Birth prior to 1957 **or**
 - Written documentation of 1 valid dose of MMR vaccine **or**
 - Serology that shows immunity to measles

[Sample letter](#)

- Ensure appropriate administrators know that children and staff may need to be excluded from school if they are determined not to be immune to measles and information will need to be shared with PHMDC.
- Develop a process for quickly obtaining student and staff information and providing it to Public Health – Madison & Dane County (PHMDC). This information may include (but may not be limited to) name, date of birth, address, phone number, parent name, attendance/work schedule, and immunization records.
- Identify a site or sites at the school or other district building for possible student/staff immunization clinic and staff serology clinic (both would be conducted by PHMDC)

- Make sure someone knows how to quickly determine who was in the building during a given time period other than students and staff members.
- Develop a plan to isolate a child with a rash and fever until a parent/guardian can pick him/her up from school. This should be in an area away from other students and supervised by a staff person known to be immune. If possible, the child should wear a surgical mask.