

# MEASLES:

## It's more than “just a rash”

Measles is highly contagious and can be especially dangerous for babies and young children.

Hundreds of people have been sickened with measles across the U.S. this year.

3 people have died.

About 75% are under age 19

Nearly all are unvaccinated or have unknown vaccination status



As of April 18, 2025, there are several reported cases of measles in Montana.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** according to CDC's recommended immunization schedule.

One measles vaccine dose (MMR) is 93% effective in preventing infection, and a second dose increases the effectiveness to 97%. Protection may start as early as 2 weeks.

Talk to your healthcare provider if you are traveling to an area of the U.S. experiencing an outbreak or internationally.

- ✓ If you are sick and think you may have been exposed to measles, **call your provider before going to a clinic or ER.**

### WHEN TO VACCINATE:

Children should get a 2-dose series at age 12 months and age 4 years.

Unvaccinated adults should get one dose.

Children over 1 year old who miss one or both recommended MMR vaccines can be vaccinated. Talk to your provider about dosing recommendations.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact your primary care provider

RiverStone Health measles hotline: 406.247.3396

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