

# **Public Health**

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# **Health Alert**

## Measles Exposure in Grapevine, TX

The intended audience for this health alert is hospitals, clinicians, infection preventionists, clinics, and clinical laboratories in Tarrant County.

#### **Summary:**

Tarrant County Public Health has been notified that a person who has since tested positive for measles visited two venues in Grapevine, TX between March 28-30. Based upon current reports, this person was infectious while at these venues.

### **Exposure Locations & Dates:**

- Great Wolf Lodge (Hotel & Indoor Water Park) 100 Great Wolf Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051 Dates: Between early morning, Friday March 28 through the evening of Sunday March 30, 2025.
- Grapevine Mills Mall 3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy, Grapevine, TX 76051 Date: Saturday March 29, 2025. Specific times on this date are not known. Activities of Note: Walking around the mall or eating at the food court.

### **Recommendation:**

Measles is a very contagious disease passed from a person to other people through the air and by contaminated surfaces they may have touched. Measles can remain live in the air for up to two hours after an infected person has left the area. People who were at the venues listed above may have been exposed and any not vaccinated may present with the disease 7-21 days after exposure to a person with measles.

Symptoms observed with measles include fever, rash, cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis. Persons at higher risk for severe disease include those who are pregnant, infants and children under 2 years old, and persons who are immunocompromised.

Measles vaccination within 3 days of exposure may mitigate the course of disease with measles in previously unvaccinated persons and for person ineligible for measles vaccination post exposure, intramuscular immunoglobulin (IMIG) or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) may be appropriate, for example pregnant women or immunocompromised persons for whom measles vaccination is contraindicated. IMIG or IVIG should be considered as early as possible after exposure through the 6th day after measles exposure.

Most persons born prior to 1957 are regarded as measles immune due to high likelihood of prior natural measles infection, and persons who have received two measles vaccines or who have had prior measles infection are highly likely to have protective immunity from future infection.

Measles is highly contagious but preventable through vaccination with two doses of MMR vaccine.

Tarrant County Public Health is working closely with the Texas DSHS Regional Office, the New Mexico Department of Health, and other partners to monitor this situation. Tarrant County Public Health will provide updates as they become available.

## **Texas Measles Outbreak**

As of April 1, 2025, the Texas Department of State Health Services has reported 481 cases of measles with 56 hospitalizations with one death related to the current Texas outbreak. Counties with active measles transmission are in the South Plains region of Texas, including Dawson, Gaines, Lynn, Martin, Terry, and Yoakum Counties. Surrounding counties in the South Plains region have also had cases and are evaluating the dynamics of measles transmission.

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