



Washtenaw County Health Department

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Washtenaw County Health Department Alerts Public to Local Measles Case

Anyone exposed should monitor for symptoms for 21 days and call ahead before seeking medical care

YPSILANTI, Mich., March 11, 2026 – Washtenaw County Health Department is reporting a case of measles in an unvaccinated adult and alerting the public to the possibility of exposures at multiple locations. The individual was recently in Florida where they likely contracted measles. The Health Department is working closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veterans Services to investigate the situation and prevent additional cases.

“Measles is highly contagious and spreads easily through the air,” says Juan Luis Marquez, MD, MPH, medical director with Washtenaw County Health Department. “This means we need to alert people who may have been exposed. Anyone not vaccinated is likely to become ill if exposed.”

The measles virus can live for up to two hours in the air, and individuals who were present at the following locations during the listed dates and times may have been exposed to the measles virus:

Date	Location	Time
Wed, March 4	Sidetrack Bar & Grill 56 E Cross St, Ypsilanti MI 48198	7:45 pm to 1:00 am
Thurs, March 5	T-Mobile 2044 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	6:00 pm to 8:40 pm
Thurs, March 5	Cricket Wireless Roundtree Place Shopping Center 2547 Ellsworth Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	6:55 pm to 8:55 pm
Fri, March 6	CVS Pharmacy 1415 E Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48198	4:00 pm to 6:07 pm
Fri, March 6	Cricket Wireless Roundtree Place Shopping Center 2547 Ellsworth Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Sat, March 7	Ypsilanti Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic 301 W Michigan Ave #100, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	7:15 pm to 9:27 pm
Sun, March 8	Canton Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic 43033 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187	4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Anyone at the above locations during the specific times and dates should monitor themselves for symptoms of measles for 21 days after the exposure. If symptoms appear, call your health care provider. Do not seek medical treatment in person without calling the doctor’s office, urgent care, or emergency room first.

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“Importantly, there is no cause for ongoing concern at these locations,” continues Dr. Marquez. “The individual was isolated as soon as measles was suspected and is recovering.”

Individuals with two, appropriately spaced doses of measles vaccine (MMR) are considered immune. Additionally, adults born before 1957 or those who have evidence of prior measles illness are considered immune. For children, the first dose of MMR vaccine is routinely given at about 12 months of age, and the second starting at 4 years of age. The first dose can be given as early as 6 months. Contact your health care provider, pharmacy, or local health department for vaccination and guidance.

For those who are not already immune to measles, vaccination or medication (IG) may be given after exposure in some cases to prevent measles (post-exposure prophylaxis):

- A dose of the MMR vaccine given within 72 hours of exposure can prevent illness if not already immune.
 - Anyone exposed at the Canton Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic on 3/8 will still have through today (3/11) to get vaccinated.
- Immune globulin (IG) is medicine that can prevent illness in high-risk individuals up to six days after exposure. High-risk groups include infants under one year old and pregnant or immunocompromised individuals. Contact your health care provider for IG.
 - High-risk individuals exposed at the T-Mobile on 3/5 or the Cricket Wireless on 3/5 can get IG through today (3/11).
 - High-risk individuals exposed at the CVS on 3/6 or the Cricket Wireless on 3/6 can get IG through tomorrow (3/12).
 - High-risk individuals exposed at the Ypsi Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic on 3/7 can get IG through 3/13.
 - High-risk individuals exposed at the Canton Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic on 3/8 can get IG through 3/14.

Measles

Measles is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable disease that is spread by direct person-to-person contact, and through the air. Symptoms of measles usually begin 7-14 days after exposure, but can appear up to 21 days after exposure and may include:

- High fever (may spike to over 104 ° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Tiny white spots on the inner cheeks, gums, and roof of the mouth (Koplik Spots) 2-3 days after symptoms begin
- A rash that is red, raised, and blotchy that usually starts on face, spreads to trunk, arms, and legs 3-5 days after symptoms begin

If symptoms develop, please call your doctor, urgent care, or hospital before seeking treatment.

Measles (MMR) Vaccine

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. A single dose of measles vaccine is about 93% effective at preventing measles, while two doses are about 97% effective. It is also effective if used within 72 hours of measles exposure to prevent illness. Getting vaccinated not only protects the individual receiving the vaccine but can also protect vulnerable individuals in our communities from being exposed to this illness.

Anyone not fully vaccinated against measles is encouraged to do so as soon as possible. About one in five people who get measles will be hospitalized. This case is the first reported in Michigan in [2026](#). As of March 5, there are 1,277 confirmed measles cases in 31 United States jurisdictions, including Florida.

Across the United States and in Michigan, routine immunization coverage has dropped. Statewide, coverage for the MMR vaccine (two doses) for children ages 4 to 6 years old has decreased from 89% in 2017 to 66% to date, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. As of January 2026, MMR coverage for 4- to 6-year-olds in Washtenaw is 70%.

Vaccination is available from health care providers, pharmacies, and health departments. Children eligible for the [Vaccines for Children](#) program may receive the vaccine from a provider enrolled in that program at no-cost. The Washtenaw County Health Department accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Washtenaw Health Plan, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The Health Department does not decline services if individuals are unable to pay.

Call 734-544-6700 to schedule a vaccine appointment at the Health Department, or walk-in during these hours to 555 Towner in Ypsilanti:

- Tuesdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Thursdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Fridays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Resources

- Washtenaw County Health Department Measles Fact Sheet: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)
- Measles in Michigan signage: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)
- WCHD Measles Vaccine Clinic Walk-in Hours [Flyer](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)

Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

Visit us at washtenaw.org/health or call 734-544-6700. The Health Department also provides frequent social media updates (@wcpublichealth) and sends regular email updates; sign up at bit.ly/WCHD555.

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