

Memorandum

Date: May 2, 2024
To: All EMS Staff
From: AHS Infection, Prevention and Control and EMS Emergency Management
RE: Measles Information

Issue

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States and Europe. Cases have been identified recently in several Canadian provinces, including a travel-acquired case in Alberta in 2024.

Action

To ensure we continue to be prepared, we are reminding you to please review the following existing measles resources:

1. [Recommendations Suspect Measles \(Rubeola\) \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/recommendations-suspect-measles-rubeola)
2. [IPC Diseases and Conditions Table Recommendations for Management of Patients Acute Care \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/IPC-Diseases-and-Conditions-Table-Recommendations-for-Management-of-Patients-Acute-Care) Scroll to Page 199
3. [Measles \(myhealth.alberta.ca\)](https://myhealth.alberta.ca)
4. [Measles Information for Health Professionals | Alberta Health Services](https://albertahealthservices.ca/measles-information-for-health-professionals)
5. [IPC Recommendations for Measles \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/IPC-Recommendations-for-Measles)

Prehospital IPC Recommendations for Suspected Measles Cases

- Staff don Eye Protection, N95 mask, gown and gloves
- Place a procedure mask on patient if tolerated
- Run patient compartment ambulance ventilation system during transport
- Pre-notify hospital and wait for direction from hospital before proceeding to triage with your patient
- Clean and disinfect the ambulance after 45 minutes settle time (patient compartment doors left open) or 30 minutes settle time outdoors with the engine running and patient compartment ventilation system turned on and operational

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