



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
Public Health

ALERT

**COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO
Health Care Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **03/14/25**

Regarding: **Expanding Measles Outbreak in the United States and Guidance for the Upcoming Travel Season**

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**

To: LPHAs and Tribal Clinics

Dear Colleagues,

Please share The CDC [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory](#) with your providers.

Oregon addition:

All clinicians are required to immediately report suspect and confirmed cases of measles to the Local Public Health Authority (LPHA; www.healthoregon.org/lhddirectory) for the jurisdiction in which the patient resides.

** Report the following information: patient name, date of birth, address, contact information, language spoken, clinical presentation, date of rash onset, travel history, any known exposures to measles, and vaccination history.*

Please adhere to measles infection control practices throughout the patient evaluation to prevent exposure of other patients.

*While measles is not circulating in Oregon, prior approval by public health will be required for measles PCR testing by the **Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL)**. Both of the criteria below must be met for measles PCR testing at OSPHL. If the criteria are not met, clinicians should instead submit specimens for measles testing to commercial laboratories. The criteria are as follows:*

1. Acute febrile rash illness compatible with measles and with no more likely explanation for the clinical presentation;

AND

2. Plausible exposure to measles—i.e., linkage to another case or travel to an area where measles is known to be circulating.

If testing at OSPHL is approved, collect specimens in accordance with the guidance on the OSPHL Lab Test Menu for Measles Real-Time RT-PCR (www.healthoregon.org/labtests). Specimens should be transported to OSPHL using facilities' available transport mechanisms, if available. If specimen transport support is needed, contact OSPHL at 503-693-4100.

See also the [Measles Investigative Guidelines](#) for detailed information about testing, isolation, and vaccination.

Unless otherwise noted, feel free to share this HAN notification with:

- Others within your organization.**
- Professionals within your health, preparedness, and response affiliations.**

Oregon 24/7 disease reporting: 971-673-1111