

# Suspect measles in your patient?

## Immediate actions



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## Implement airborne precautions



- Ensure P2/N95 mask is worn by patient
- Move patient to a single room with the door closed. Leave room unused for 30 minutes after the patient has left.
- Ensure staff wear appropriate PPE
- Clean and disinfect all surfaces

## Testing



Take a dedicated nose and throat swab for measles PCR. Testing can be performed outdoors to reduce transmission risk

- Label swab as "Urgent – send to VIDRL"
- Collect an additional swab to test for respiratory pathogens

If possible, also collect blood for measles IgG and IgM

## Patient information



Obtain the following information:

- Recent overseas or interstate travel in the 18 days prior to symptom onset
- Contact with anyone who may have measles
- Visits to a listed measles exposure site



## Check your patient's measles vaccination status

## Isolation



Advise your patient to isolate until test result is received, and let them know that the Local Public Health Unit may call them.

## Notification



Notify your Local Public Health Unit by calling **1300 651 160**. You must notify even if your suspicion level is low.