

A message from the Deputy Medical Officer of Health

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RE: Measles Guidance for Recreational Camp Operators

Dear Camp Operator,

Ontario is currently experiencing its largest outbreak of measles in decades. As of June 3, 2025, a total of 2047 measles cases (1,792 confirmed, 255 probable) have been reported in Ontario in 2025. Of these cases, 94% were unimmunized or had unknown immunization status. Given the continued increase, and the highly contagious nature of measles, I strongly recommend that you ensure all camp attendees and staff check their immunization records to be sure they are up to date. Two doses of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine are recommended for all children. For more detailed information refer to the publicly funded immunization schedule for Ontario which can be found here - [Ontario's routine immunization schedule | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/health/immunization).

In order to prevent measles activity at your camp, it is recommended that you:

- Complete active surveillance for symptoms of measles at camp drop-off and exclude attendees with symptoms of measles
- Have parents/guardians attest at drop-off that their child has not been exposed to a measles case in the past 21 days. If they have, you should request that parents/guardians provide proof of immunization for the child before allowing them to attend
- Have immunization records of all attendees available.

In the event of a lab confirmed measles case(s) in a camp, campers and/or staff who are not up to date on their vaccines may be asked to return home.

The attached *Measles FAQs for Camp Operators and Parents* includes important information on vaccination, symptoms, and what would occur if a measles case(s) occurred in a recreational camp setting. Please distribute this document to your camp staff and families. If you have any questions about measles or the measles vaccine, please visit our website here - [Measles | HKPR District Health Unit](https://www.hkpr.on.ca/measles). Alternatively, you can call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 4050.

Sincerely,

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