

Montana Health Alert Network

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UPDATE

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May 28, 2025

SUBJECT

Measles Cases Confirmed in Montana

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Update on Measles Cases in Montana

BACKGROUND

During the week of May 19, 2025, three newly confirmed cases of measles were reported to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). The three new cases included two adults and one child who are residents of Flathead, Gallatin, and Hill counties. These three cases are not known to be related by a common exposure and initial case investigations have not identified a known exposure for any of the cases. To date, a total of 11 confirmed measles cases have been reported to DPHHS in 2025.

INFORMATION

On May 23, 2025, Hill County Health Department issued enhanced Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination recommendations for all residents and travelers to Hill County due to the potential for community transmission. The recommendations include early and accelerated vaccination for children and an additional MMR dose for adults who have received one dose. Currently, early and accelerated vaccination is not recommended for residents or travelers to other Montana counties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Healthcare providers should continue to educate patients and health care staff that vaccination is the best protection against measles.
- DPHHS recommends that health care providers consider an early, accelerated, and/or additional dose MMR vaccination schedule for people traveling to or living in areas with sustained, community-wide transmission of measles amongst the affected age group.
- Health care providers offering immunization services are recommended to maintain an adequate supply of MMR vaccine to assist in ensuring that MMR vaccine is available for routine and planned vaccine administrations as well as allowing for additional supply should MMR vaccine demand increase quickly within the community.
- Health care providers are recommended to review any current standing orders for MMR vaccine administration to ensure alignment with all CDC guidance on measles vaccination, including considerations for an early second dose in children 1 to 4 years of age; an early dose for infants 6 to 11 months of age; and adults who have received one previous dose of MMR vaccine in areas with ongoing community-wide transmission.
- View complete CDC guidance on measles vaccination [here](#), including information outlining the “Role of community-wide vaccination efforts in outbreak control.” Additional information for providers on MMR vaccination is available at CDC’s [Routine Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination](#).
- Please refer to the DPHHS measles webpage for updated information on measles cases, outbreaks, and local vaccination recommendations [here](#).
- Please refer to previous measles-related HAN messages from DPHHS for complete recommendations to Clinicians and Local and Tribal Public Health Departments.