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**Health Advisory: Measles case at Seattle-Tacoma International (SEA) Airport
and nearby hotel, April 17, 2025**

Actions Requested

Be aware of a confirmed measles case in a Canadian resident who traveled internationally and spent time while infectious at SEA Airport and nearby hotel on April 6 and April 7.

- See table below for public exposures in King County while infectious
- **Secondary cases would most likely occur between April 13 – April 28, 2025**
- **MMR vaccination remains the most important tool for preventing measles infections and spread from imported cases.**

Consider measles in anyone with fever ($\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.3°C) and a generalized maculopapular rash with cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis who has recently traveled internationally or domestically to a region with a known measles outbreak, or has other known or suspected exposure to measles:

- Refer to [Measles actions for Healthcare Providers](#) for more details on immediate isolation, notification, testing, and management of patients with suspected measles.

Ensure all patients without [evidence of immunity](#) are [up to date on MMR vaccine](#) per routine ACIP recommendations. This includes recommending MMR to patients with plans to travel **internationally (regardless of the destination) or domestically to [outbreak areas](#) at least 2 weeks prior to their trip:**

- An early MMR dose for infants 6-11 months of age (not counted in routine 2-dose series)
- A second MMR dose for anyone eligible who is ≥ 12 months of age (2 doses at least 28 days apart)

Background

Public Health was notified of a Canadian resident with measles, likely exposed during international travel, who was at the following locations during their infectious period:

Date	Time	Location
4/6/25	Approximately 5:45 PM – 10:00 PM	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S Concourse (Gate S10)• International Arrivals Facility through Customs• Baggage claim (Carousel 20)• Exited airport through Gina Marie Hall (southernmost exit, near international airlines)
4/6/25-4/7/25	Approximately 8:45 PM on 4/6 – 7:00 AM on 4/7	Comfort Suites Airport Tukwila 7200 Fun Center Way Tukwila WA 98188

4/7/25	Approximately 4:45 AM – 7:30 AM	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S Concourse (Gate S1)
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There is no ongoing risk for measles exposure at these locations.

Resources

- **For Healthcare Providers**
 - [Healthcare Providers: Stay Alert for Measles](#)– CDC
 - [Expanding Measles Outbreak in the United States and Guidance for the Upcoming Travel Season](#) – CDC HAN, March 7, 2025
 - [Measles One-Pager for Healthcare Providers](#) – Project Firstline and AAP
 - [Measles - For Healthcare Professionals](#)– CDC
 - [Measles Specimen Collection Instructions for RT-PCR](#) – WA DOH
 - [Measles Specimen Collection Instructions for Serology](#) – WA DOH
 - [Immunization Schedules](#) – CDC
 - [Safety Information for Measles, Mumps, Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccines](#) – CDC
- **For Infection Preventionists**
 - [Interim Measles Infection Prevention Recommendations in Healthcare Settings](#) – CDC
 - [Measles Playbook](#) – APIC Emerging Infectious Diseases Task Force
- **For Laboratories**
 - [Public Health Laboratories Lab Test Menu](#) – WA DOH
 - [Measles Specimen Shipping Guide](#) – WA DOH

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