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Collingwood Hospital ER Department Measles Exposure Additional Measles Vaccine Recommendations

Attention: Physicians, Hospitals, CNE, ER Manager, ER Physician, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Professionals, Community Health Centers, Walk-In Urgent Care Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Midwives, Family Health Team, Indigenous Healthcare & Community, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Neighbouring Health Units, Paramedic Services, Corrections

Date: May 9, 2025

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) ER Department Measles Exposure

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is advising the public of a possible exposure to a case of measles at CGMH on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

The health unit will be contacting anyone, by [letter](#), phone call or text message, who was registered at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital's **Emergency Department including the "see and treat" area between 11:14 a.m. and 8:28 p.m. on May 4, 2025**. The [letter](#) provides them with information on what to do depending on their immunization status and their type of work/school attendance. For more information, you can go to smdhu.org/measles

All health care workers regardless of year of birth must have 2 documented doses of measles vaccine or proof of immunity by serology. Note that if you have 2 documented doses already or previous proof of immunity, do not do serology additionally/again, as the serology is not fully accurate and may be falsely negative.

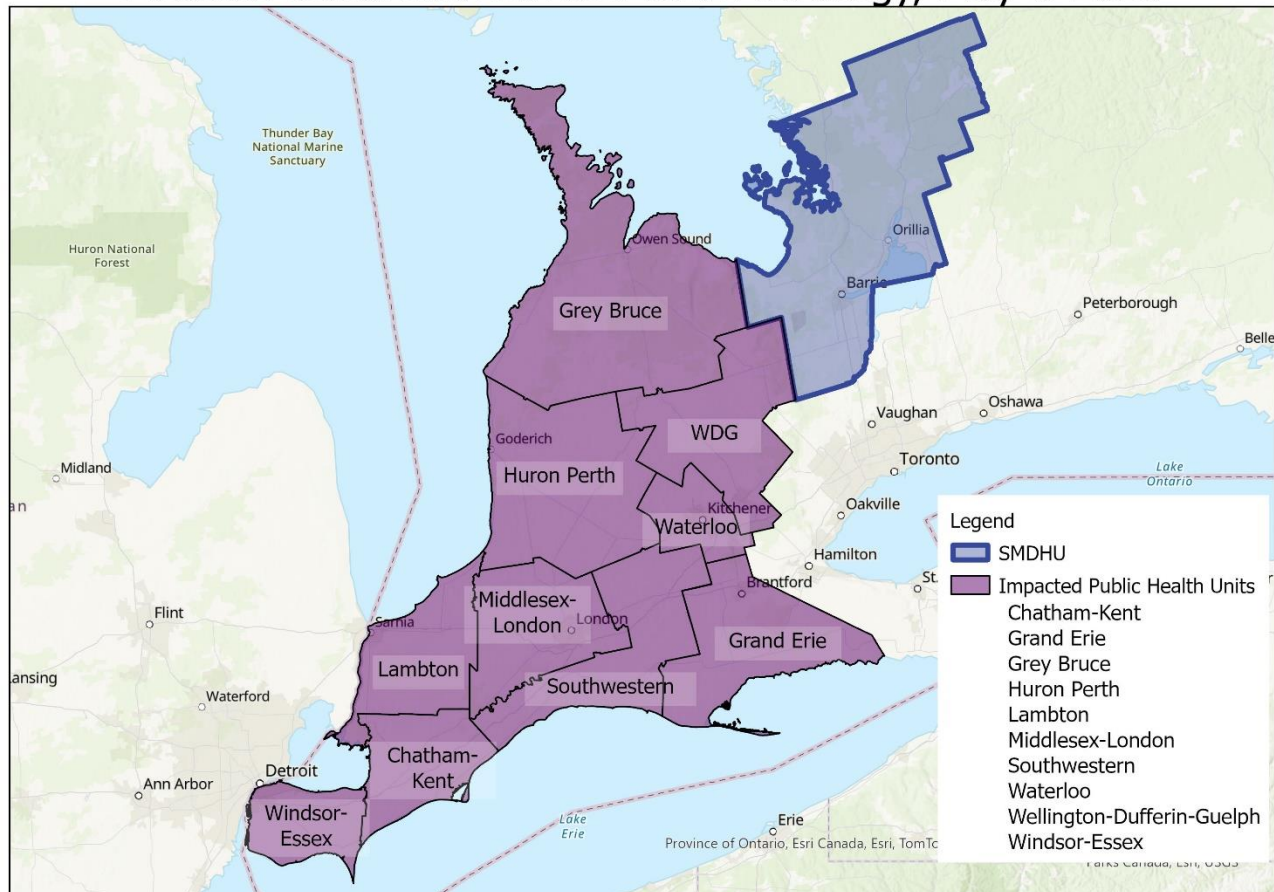
Additional Measles Vaccine Recommendations

As the Measles outbreak in Ontario continues, the Ministry of Health has expanded the measles outbreak immunization strategy to include all [western Ontario public health unit jurisdictions](#) which include:

- **Chatham-Kent, Grey Bruce, Lambton, Middlesex-London, Waterloo, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, Windsor-Essex, Southwestern, Grand Erie, and Huron Perth**



Western Ontario Public Health Units included in Ministry of Health Measles Outbreak Immunization Strategy, May 8 2025



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The measles outbreak immunization strategy includes the following recommendations for individuals who live, work, travel (e.g., family visit), worship, or spend time in these health unit regions and communities where the risk of exposure in the community is higher:

- Infants (six to 11 months): Should receive one dose of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine. **Two** additional doses are required after the age of one year.
- Children (one to four years): Children who have received their first dose of MMR vaccine are encouraged to receive a second dose as soon as possible (at a minimum of four weeks from the first dose).
- Adults (18+ years) born on or after 1970: A second dose of MMR vaccine is recommended.

While SMDHU is not currently identified as an area of increased transmission, if you have patients who are travelling to or residing in the communities included above, please apply the enhanced immunization recommendations.

SMDHU continues to recommend vaccinating patients who are not up to date, especially those who are travelling to areas with increased measles transmission. Consideration should be given to the following:

- Infants **6 months to 11 months of age** normally do not receive MMR vaccine but for those who are travelling to areas with increased measles transmission, they should be immunized with one dose of MMR. Two additional doses would still be required on or after the first birthday.

- Preschoolers who are travelling can receive their second dose of MMRV before their 4th birthday to provide them with protection earlier.
- For school-age children, ensure the second dose of MMRV was received at 4 to 6 years of age.
- Adults 18 years of age and older who have previously received one dose of MMR should receive a second dose if they are health care workers, post-secondary students or based on the health care provider's clinical judgement.
- Those born in 1970 or after who are planning to travel outside of Canada are also recommended a second dose.
- People born before 1970 in Canada are presumed immune due to circulating measles in Canada at that time. However, if they are traveling outside of Canada and do not have a history of lab-confirmed infection or evidence of immunity, it is prudent to immunize them with 1 dose given the increased activity of measles globally.
- Vaccination over serology is generally preferred.
- For more detailed information on measles immunization, go to the [Canadian Immunization Guide measles chapter](#).