

When to Go to the Emergency Room (ER) for Measles

Look out for serious symptoms – seek emergency care if needed

Measles typically starts first with cough, runny nose and red eyes and often leads to a rash and fever over 101 degrees Fahrenheit. If you think you or your child have measles, get medical care. Symptoms can become worse over time, complications can develop, and measles can be deadly if appropriate care is not received.

If you or your child has any of the following symptoms, call 911 or go to the emergency room immediately:



A hard time breathing or breathing faster than normal



Signs of severe dehydration (dry nose and mouth, urinating less than usual)



Confusion, decreased alertness, or severe weakness



For young children: a blue color around the mouth, crying without making tears, unusually low energy, or severe loss of appetite



If possible, prior to going to the ER, call to let them know a person with measles is coming.