

MEASLES ALERT

We have recently been advised of two recently confirmed cases of measles in Edmonton, Alberta. There have been a total of 12 cases in Canada so far this year. All have occurred in previously unimmunized individuals.

Please report any person presenting with a suspicious rash, especially if they have traveled recently.

MEASLES (Rubeola, Red Measles)

Case Definition:

- ◆ An acute, highly contagious viral disease characterized by two symptomatic stages:
- ◆ **Stage one:** runny nose, cough, photosensitivity, and progressively worsening fever.
- ◆ **Stage two:** high-grade fever, red blotchy rash (face and then body) lasting four to seven days and Koplik spots (little white spots) on the gums and inside of the cheeks.



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