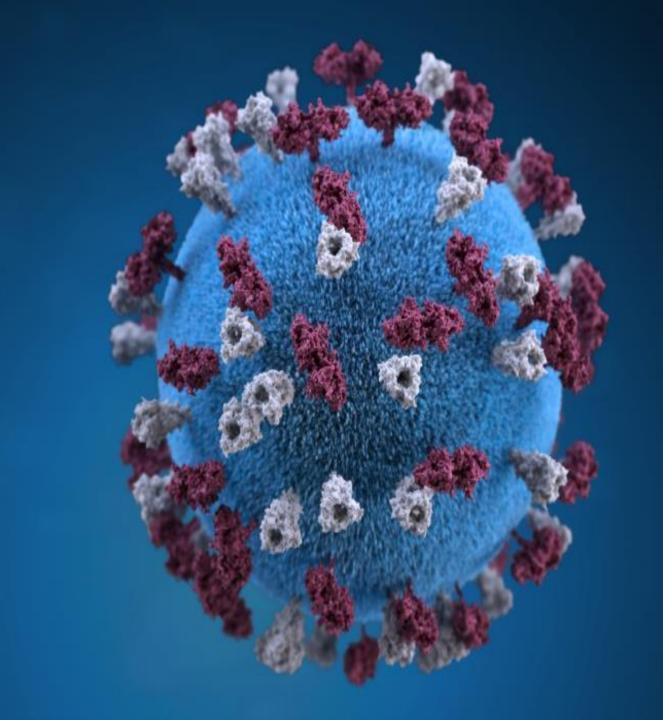


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# **MEASLES VIRUS:**

- -SS RNA enveloped virus
- Belongs to Paramyxoviridae
- Humans as natural host
- No animal reservoirs



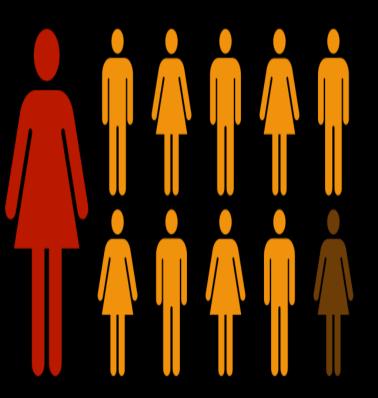
- Infection of
  - respiratory system, immune system and skin
- Highly contagious
  - up to 90%
- Infectivity period:
  - 4 days before 4 days after onset of rash
- IP:

• 7–14 days

# MEASLES



is **highly contagious** and spreads through the air when an infected person **coughs or sneezes**.



It is so contagious that if one person has it, **9 out of 10 people** of all ages around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected.



# **O PRESENTATION**:

• Fever

Malaise

- Cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis -three "C"s
- Pathognomonic enanthema (Koplik spots) followed by
- Maculopapular rash
  - Centripetal spread

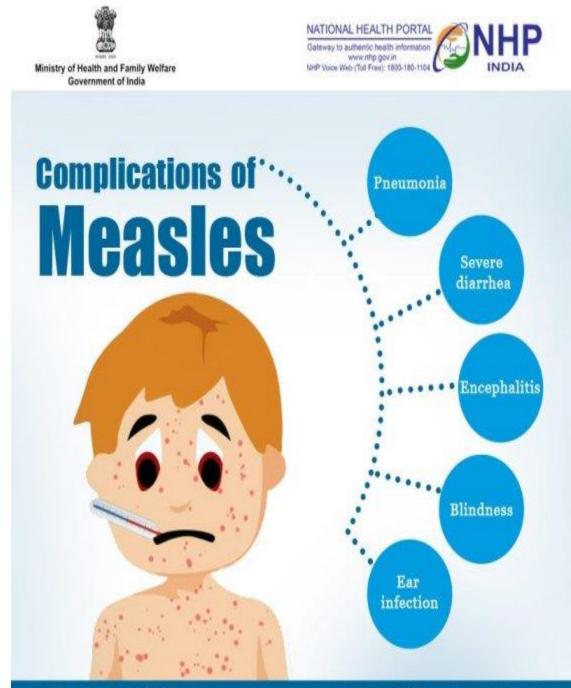






# OMPLICATIONS:

- Otitis media
- Bronchopneumonia
- Laryngotracheobronchitis
- Diarrhea
- Acute encephalitis
  - results in permanent brain damage
- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE)
  - Rare, but fatal degenerative disease of CNS
  - Behavioral and intellectual deterioration
  - Seizures



Website: http://www.nhp.gov.in/



# O AT RISK GROUPS:

### Infants and children aged <5 years

### Adults aged >20 years

### Pregnant women

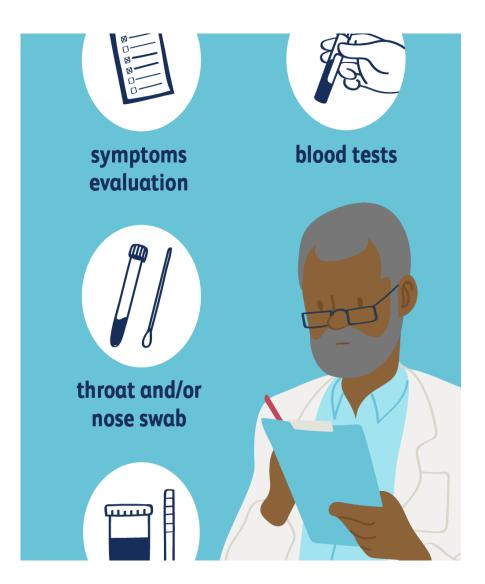
People with compromised immune system





**O** LAB DIAGNOSIS:

- Serology:
  - IgM in serum
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day
- Molecular:
  - RT-PCR
    - Respiratory
    - Saliva
  - Genotyping:
    - Source
    - Distinguish between wild-type and vaccine related measles virus infection







- Symptomatic
  - Antipyretics
  - Bed rest
  - Adequate fluid intake
- Contact tracing

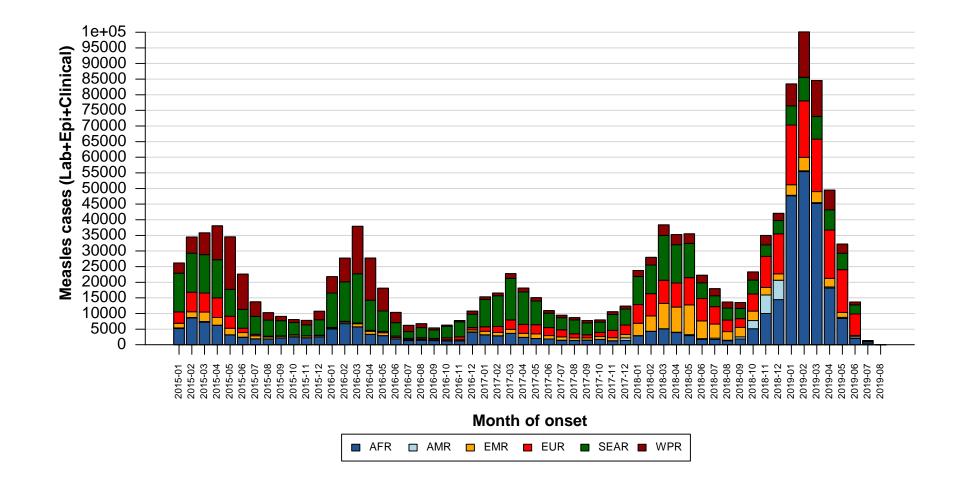




**BURDEN OF DISEASE:** 

- Measles remains a leading cause of vaccine-preventable infant mortality
  - High mortality (10%)
- In 2000:
  - 31 to 39.9 million illnesses worldwide
  - 733,000 to 777,000 deaths,
    - Making it the 5<sup>th</sup> most common cause of death in children under 5 years of age.
- Measles is still commonly transmitted (endemic or large outbreaks) worldwide.



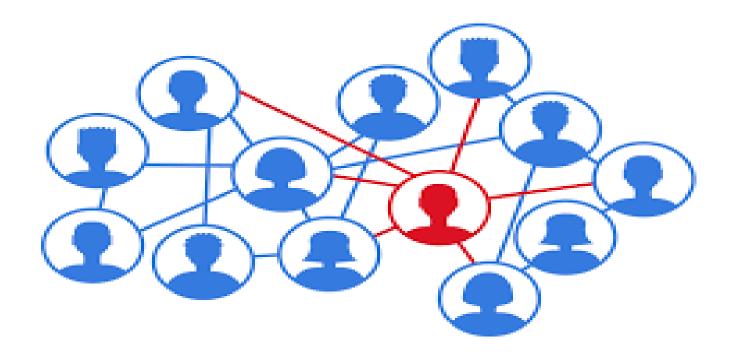






# OP RISK FACTORS:

- Virus:
  - Highly contagious
    - Remains active and contagious in the air or on infected surfaces for up to 2 hours.
    - 4 days before and 4 days after onset of rash Prodromal stage
- Host:
  - Extreme of ages
  - Immune status
- Environment:
  - Low vaccination coverage
  - Traveling
  - Poor health services
  - Civil strife
  - Low awareness
  - Misinformation
    - Vaccine hesitancy







# **WACCINE**

- MMR
  - Live attenuated
  - At 1 and 2 year of age (minimum of 1 month between doses)
  - Contraindicated in:
    - Immune suppressed
    - Pregnant women
    - Confirmed anaphylactic reaction
- Very safe and effective
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles
- one dose is about 93% effective





# WHY NOT GET THE VACCINE:

- Fear for side effects (51%)
- Presence of underlying chronic conditions (12.2%)
- Skip scheduled appointment (12.2%)
- Refusal of vaccination (10.3%)
- Acute illnesses (7.2%)
- Allergy to eggs (4.6%)
- Other causes:
  - lack of access
  - poor health systems
  - complacency

Eur J Dediatr. 2019 Feb; 178(2):243-251. doi: 10.1007/s00431-018-3289-5. Epub 2018 Nov 14.

### Determinants of low measles vaccination coverage in children living in an endemic area.

Lo Vecchio A<sup>1</sup>, Cambriglia MD<sup>2</sup>, Fedele MC<sup>3</sup>, Basile FW<sup>2</sup>, Chiatto F<sup>2</sup>, Miraglia Del Giudice M<sup>3</sup>, Guarino A<sup>2</sup>.

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### Abstract

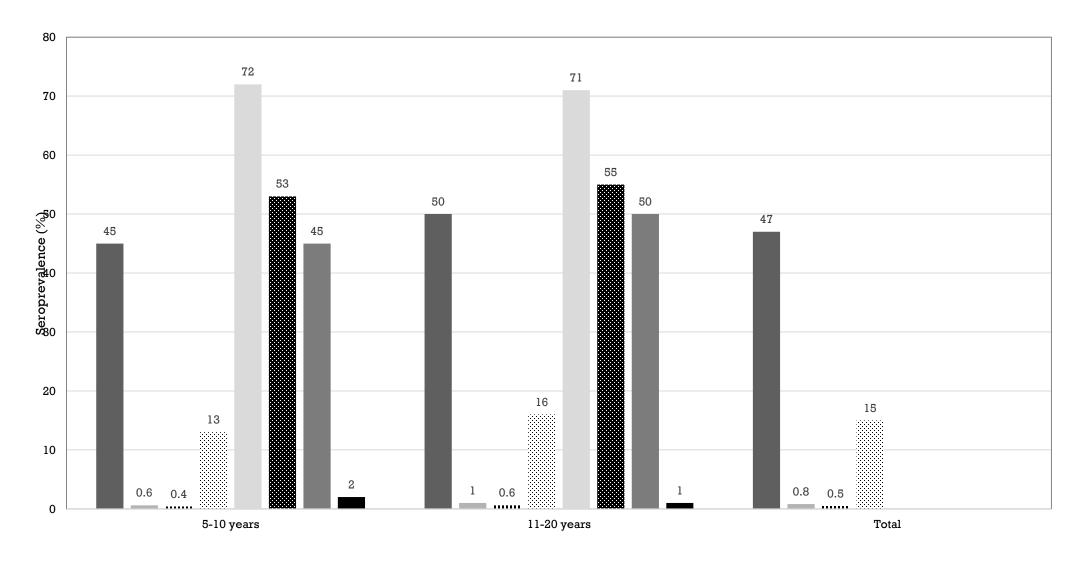
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KEYWORDS: Immunization; Italy; MMR; Vaccine hesitancy





**WIWAIT DATE:** 



 MMR positive
 Mumps positive
 IRubella positive
 Measles positive

 Measles and rubella positive
 Measles and mumps positive
 Measles and rubella positive
 MMR negative





## **MEASLES OUTBREAK**

- Outbreaks are happening all over the world
- largest in Madagascar and Ukraine
- In 2019, there have been outbreaks in countries with overall high rates of vaccination
  - Thailand and the United States.
  - Within pockets of unvaccinated people





# STRATEGIES FOR MEASLES PREVENTION AND CONTROL: CURRENT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

# Response needs to be fast and aggressive



### Risk assessment



### History

MMR status Travel history Contact history





### Clinical

### Laboratory



### Isolate

### Manage cases

### Trace contacts



- Avoid gathering places (e.g., schools, cultural or sporting events, etc.)
- Waiting room:
  - Special waiting room/area
  - Air out waiting rooms frequently and fully
- Keep cases together and isolated throughout their hospital stay, if needed
- Provide immunized health care staff
- Contacts:
  - Post exposure prophylaxis



- Post exposure prophylaxis:
  - HNIG
    - To prevent or attenuate an attack in:
      - Immune compromised patients and contacts
      - Pregnant women
      - Infants less than 9 months of age
    - Administered within **72 hours** up to 6 days
    - Another exposure, more than 3 weeks after first NHIG dose, a further NHIG should be considered

### • MMR:

- Offered to immune competent and infants > 6 months of age
- With in **3 days**



### Immune competent:

### Satisfactory evidence of protection:

- Continue to work
- Report if fever or symptoms of measles in next 18 days
- (documentation of 2 MMR vaccine received and/or positive measles antibody test)

### No satisfactory evidence of protection:

- Excluded from work at **day 5**
- Receive one MMR dose
- Return to work after 21 days or measles IgG positive at least 14 days after MMR vaccine
- Who become ill should be excluded from work or school until full 4 days after rash onset



## Identify risk groups



#### Management of **immunosuppressed** exposed to measles:

Age group	History	Immunosuppressed group A	Immunosuppressed group B
Born before 1970	Of measles infection	Assume immune	Regardless of history and even if known to be measles antibody positive previously, test again at time of exposure.
	No measles infection	Test and issue only if measles antibody negative or equivocal	Issue NHIG if measles antibody is negative or equivocal.
Born between 1970 and 1990	Of measles infection	Test and issue only if measles antibody negative or equivocal.	If not possible to test <b>within 3 days</b> of exposure, offer NHIG.
	No measles infection	Test and issue only if measles antibody negative or equivocal. If not possible to test within <b>6</b> days of exposure, offer NHIG	
Born after 1990	One measles vaccine	Test and issue only if measles antibody negative or equivocal. If not possible to test within <b>6</b> days of exposure, offer NHIG	
	Two measles vaccines	Test and issue only if measles antibody negative or equivocal. If not possible to test within <b>6</b> days of exposure, offer NHIG	
	Unvaccinated	Offer NHIG, ideally within <b>3</b> days	



- Management of pregnant women exposed to measles:
  - NHIG issued within **6** days of exposure

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	Two measles vaccine	Assume immune
	Unvaccinated	Test and issue if measles antibody negative. If not possible to test within <b>6</b> days of exposure, offer NHIG.



#### Management of <u>infants under 9 months</u> of age exposed to measles:

Relavant infant	Age of exposed infant (completed months)			
history	0-2 months	3-5 months	6-8 months	
Mother is the index case	HNIG	HNIG	MMR vaccine	
Mother is known antibody negative or equivocal	HNIG	HNIG	MMR vaccine	
Mother born before 1970	Nothing	HNIG	MMR vaccine HNIG	
Mother born between 1970 and 1984 and has had natural measles	Nothing	HNIG	MMR vaccine HNIG	
Mother born between 1970 and 1984 and is unsure of her status	HNIG	HNIG	MMR vaccine HNIG	
Mother has had measles vaccine or born after 1984	HNIG	HNIG	MMR vaccine	
Infant born before 32 weeks of gestation	HNIG	HNIG	MMR vaccine	



## Notify authorities

## Intensify surveillance

### Collect data

- Demographics
- Number of morbidity and mortality
- Analysis

Start vaccination activities



- Suspected outbreak:
  - Selective vaccination activities
  - Reinforcement of routine vaccination

- Confirmed outbreak:
  - Nonselective vaccination campaign



#### • Timing of intervention:

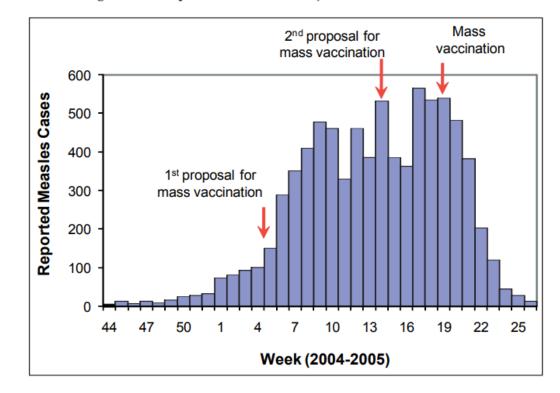


Figure 2: The epidemic curve for N'djamena, Chad in 2004-2005





# IS IT POSSIBLE TO ERADICATE MEASLES?

Biological characteristics of measles virus:	<ol> <li>Highly contagious&gt; requires up to 95% vaccine coverage is needed</li> <li>Humans are the only reservoir</li> <li>Infection leads to life long immunity</li> <li>Outbreaks at regular intervals</li> <li>One genotype available and is stable</li> <li>Infectivity period 4 days before, 4 days after rash onset</li> </ol>	
Vaccine:	<ol> <li>Available</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose 90% protection. 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 99% protection</li> <li>Risk of vaccine failure to cold chain failure</li> <li>Host factors affecting efficacy includes poor nutrition</li> <li>Antibody titer following vaccine &lt; natural infection and it decrease over time</li> <li>Injection needs skilled personnel</li> </ol>	
Surveillance and laboratory identification:	Planned but costly and not implemented yet	
Effective delivery of vaccination program:	<ol> <li>Catch-up/ keep-up/ follow-up</li> <li>Costly</li> <li>Affected by poor healthcare infrastructure</li> <li>Limited access to certain areas</li> </ol>	
International commitment to eradication:	Needed	





ONCLUSIONS:

- Measles vaccination resulted in a 80% drop in measles deaths between 2000 and 2017 worldwide
- During 2000-2017, measles vaccination prevented an estimated 21.1 million deaths making measles vaccine one of the best buys in public health
- Guarantee a 'second opportunity' for measles vaccination, either through campaigns or routine immunization.
  - Increase rate of vaccine coverage
- Establish an effective system to monitor coverage, and conduct measles surveillance with integration of epidemiological and laboratory information





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