

Measles Infection Control Measures

Preventing the Spread of Measles with Appropriate Cleaning Protocols

Maintaining the appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols before and after patient visits is one way to prevent the spread of measles in your facility. Use this checklist to keep you, your team, and your patients safe.



Before the Appointment

- Identify a space where patient will be seen, use an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) if possible.
- Identify and note all staff who will interact with the patient.
- Create a plan to properly store and transport samples for testing.
- Take a complete PPE inventory to ensure total protection.
- Evaluate the environmental cleaners and disinfectants available to ensure they are effective against measles.
- Ensure facial tissues, face masks, and alcohol-based hand sanitizer are available at all entrances and encourage use.
- Ensure staff is up-to-date with annual fit testing for N95 masks or other respiratory protection.
- Review and confirm MMR vaccine inventory.
- Ensure staff have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles.
- Remotely pre-screen whenever possible.
- Request the patient and the caregivers use a separate entrance.

During the Appointment

- Wear N95 masks, gloves, and other PPE to retrieve and engage with the patient.
- Provide appropriate masks to patient and caregivers if needed.
- Keep exam room closed while conducting health history, exam, and specimen collection.

After the Appointment

- Escort patient out of the facility using an isolated route.
- If the patient refuses specimen collection, treat as a suspected case and report.
- If an AIIR was not used, keep the exam room closed for a minimum of two hours for adequate air exchange.
- Keep a sign outside of the exam room sharing how long it is out of service.
- Wear PPE and clean and disinfect the exam room using EPA List S approved product.
- Report suspected or confirmed cases to the appropriate channels for investigation, contact tracing, and testing.

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Together, we can help limit the spread of Measles in Illinois!

