

Interim Pediatric Measles Outbreak Vaccination Recommendations

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For children who live in or visit counties with active measles outbreaks*

*Currently only Snohomish County, refer to the [DOH Measles Cases](#) page for the latest outbreak information. This interim guidance may be updated in the future based on local epidemiology.

Age	Number of previous doses	Measles vaccine recommendation
0–5 months	0	Measles-containing vaccine is NOT recommended
6–11 months	0	Measles-containing vaccine is not routinely recommended unless otherwise indicated due to planned international travel or to an area outside of Washington State where it is recommended by public health because of an active measles outbreak ¹ NOTE: At this time, Washington State Department of Health is NOT recommending MMR prior to 12 months of age despite an active measles outbreak in Snohomish County
1–17 years	0	Should receive first dose of MMR ¹ or MMRV ² immediately
	1	Should receive second dose of MMR or MMRV as soon as eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If first dose was MMR, receive second MMR or MMRV dose at least 28 days later• If first dose was MMRV, receive MMR or MMRV at least 3 months later
	2	No additional doses needed

For children who do not live in or visit regions with an active measles outbreak, a second dose of measles containing vaccine may be considered before 4–6 years of age. If the first dose was MMR, the second dose should be given at least 28 days later. If the first dose was MMRV, the second dose should be given at least 3 months later.

Adults are advised to follow the Adult Vaccine Schedule for MMR. [Washington State Department of Health routine measles vaccine recommendations, including for adults can be found here.](#)

¹American Academy of Pediatrics guidance for risk-based measles vaccine recommendations

²MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella

³MMRV: Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella

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