

Measles pre-event planning checklist

1. Do we have a strong relationship with local and state public health?
2. Are there individuals in public health we can call to quickly consult?
3. Who would our resources be to call exposed patients?
 - a. Can we easily access an interpreter at odd hours when needed?
4. Is our marketing and communications department able to dedicate staff to assist event communication, including signage, internal FAQs, external media responses, etc.?
5. Are internal communications systems in place so staff know where to go for event updates? Are those updates quickly accessible and user-friendly?
6. Does our lab and our state health department have a lab capability to quickly do PCR tests?
 - a. Is the lab order for measles PCR hard-wired?
7. Do we have a standard screening process in ED triage or clinic check-in to identify potential infectious disease exposures?
 - a. Does the process adequately capture potential measles exposures?
8. Can our ED and clinics recognize measles and immediately isolate?
9. Do we have an All room for isolation?
 - a. If not, is our organization ready to create an All room?
 - b. Do we have enough All rooms?
 - c. What is our back up plan?
10. Does our facility carry a supply of IMIG?
 - a. If not, do we know how and where to get it quickly? The clock is ticking.
11. Do we have a standing order for IMIG measles post-exposure prophylaxis in the EMR?
12. Are our healthcare workers vaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine?
13. Do we have a case definition or resources to define a case definition to identify suspect cases that require testing?
14. Have we done staff education on transport and care of measles and other highly infectious diseases?
 - a. Is there a quick reference readily available for staff?
15. Is our hospital proficient in using HICS and willing to use it for infectious disease outbreak situations?
16. Is the organization clear that one case of measles should be considered an emergency?
 - a. Are they supportive of providing resources we need when asked?
17. Do we have IT systems in place to retrospectively identify individual patients in a given location at a given time or range of time?