

# Measles:

What business owners  
need to know.



**Public Health**  
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Taney County Health Department



## Taney County Health Department Response

**We are working closely with local medical facilities to identify Measles cases and their close contacts as the need arises. We are also providing the MMR vaccine at our two locations in Branson and Forsyth. Our focus is keeping Taney County safe and healthy.**

### Symptoms

Early symptoms include moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and sore throat.

People are contagious about four days before their red/brown rash starts to four days after it appears. The rash usually appears 3-5 days after early symptoms. Before visiting a medical provider, employees need to call the facility before arriving. The long-term effects of measles can cause serious damage to the nervous system.



### Measles is Highly Contagious

Someone with measles can infect 9 in 10 of their close contacts. If an employee feels sick, encourage them to stay home.

### Disinfecting and Reducing Spread

It is spread through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks (the virus can live on surfaces and in the air for up to two hours). It is also spread by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching the eyes, nose, or mouth. Standard household disinfectants readily kill the measles virus.

### Check Vaccination Status

The best way to prevent measles is by getting vaccinated. Two doses of the MMR Vaccine provide 97% protection against measles. Be sure to have your vaccine records available.

**Keep your employees and customers healthy!**