

Measles Overview



- The measles virus was recently detected in Anchorage wastewater samples. There was measles virus activity in Anchorage in early July 2026.
- Measles is very contagious and spreads when someone with measles breathes out, coughs, or sneezes.
- Measles cases in the United States are the highest they've been in 35 years.
- The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and very effective at preventing measles.
- People who are not vaccinated against measles are much more likely to get it.
- Measles can be dangerous, especially for young children. It can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain, and in rare cases death.

Symptoms:



High fever



Cough



Runny nose



Red, watery eyes



Rash

Reported Measles Cases

MOA

- 2026: 0
- 2025: 1

Alaska

- 2026: 1
- 2025: 4

Vaccination Coverage in the Municipality of Anchorage

1 dose MMR	2 doses MMR	Coverage Needed to Prevent Community Transmission
79%	76%	>95%

Source: Alaska Department of Health Vaccination Coverage Report, Quarter 1, 2026

Vaccination

Vaccination Prevents Measles

The MMR vaccine is **safe and very effective** at preventing measles. One dose provides 93% effectiveness and two doses provides 97% effectiveness at preventing measles.

Get vaccinated at:

- Primary Care Centers
- Pharmacies
- Anchorage Health Department
 - walk-in or appointment

Find free vaccinations at the following events:

Fairview Back to School Health & Safety Fair

Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 E. 10th Ave

Saturday, August 8th

12:30-4:30pm

ASD Back to School Vaccine Clinic

ASD Education Center, 5350 E. Northern Lights Blvd

Friday, August 14th

3-7pm

ASD Back to School Vaccine Clinic

ASD Education Center, 5350 E. Northern Lights Blvd

Tuesday, August 25th

1-7pm



**Anchorage
Health
Department**

Public Health Clinic

- Children 18 years and under receive free vaccinations
- Sliding fee scale

825 L St, Anchorage, AK 99501

907-343-4799

M, Tu, Th, F: 8am-5pm W: 1-5pm

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