

When to go to the ER for measles

Look out for serious symptoms—you might need emergency care

Measles typically starts first with cough, runny nose and red eyes and often leads to a rash and fever over 101 degrees Fahrenheit. If you think you have measles, get medical care. Symptoms can become worse over time, complications can develop, and measles can be deadly if you don't receive appropriate care.

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the emergency room immediately:



A hard time breathing or breathing faster or slower than normal



Signs of severe dehydration (dry nose and mouth, urinating less than usual)



Confusion, decreased alertness, or changes in behavior



For young children: crying without making tears, fussier than normal, low energy, loss of appetite, or looking blue around the mouth



Have someone call the ER to let them know a person with measles is coming in so they can see you away from other patients.



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