
	<b>Important Queensland Health PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNIQUÉ</b>	
<b>Measles: Identification and public health management</b>		
<b>Communiqué No#1</b>	<b>Date 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>	<b>Time 10:00hrs</b>

While measles is no longer considered endemic in Australia, outbreaks still occur with the importation of infectious cases in international travellers.

The decreased prevalence of measles in Australia has meant some clinicians may not be familiar with the clinical presentation or the public health management of this very infectious disease. This can lead to delays in diagnosis and can contribute to further transmission in the community.

Transmission of measles in a health care setting such as a general practice, emergency department or pathology clinic is not uncommon and has resulted in health care staff in Queensland becoming infected in some instances.

To raise awareness of measles and the appropriate public health management, Queensland Health Communicable Diseases Branch has made available the following resources to assist health care staff recognise and manage potential measles cases.

These resources include:

- **A media stream presentation:** *Measles: Recognition and public health management*. Presented by Dr Brad McCall; Public Health Physician; Brisbane South Public Health Unit and Dr Michael Nissen; Infectious Disease Physician and Microbiologist; Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane.  
This presentation may be viewed via the link provided on the *Queensland Health: Communicable Diseases A-Z* webpage under *Measles* –in the *clinical resources* column.  
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcq/index/default.asp>
- **A “measles alert flyer”**. To be utilised by frontline health care staff to assist identification of possible measles cases and the immediate infection control management.
- **A “measles alert poster”**. A poster prompting patients that may have measles-like symptoms to advise the medical receptionist immediately, rather than wait in the waiting area/room.

Hard copies of the “measles alert poster” and the “measles alert flyer” will be available from your local division of general practice or Medicare Local shortly. Electronic copies may be downloaded from the website of your local division of general practice or your Medicare Local or General Practice Queensland.

If you require any additional information regarding these resources, please contact Queensland Health Communicable Diseases Branch on 07 3328 9728.

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