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## Community Consolidated School District 15

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# Measles: Parent and Staff FAQ



### **Are there any confirmed student cases of the measles in District 15 schools?**

NO. At this point in time, the District is not aware of any confirmed or suspected cases of the measles at any of our schools.

### **What is the measles?**

Measles is a highly contagious virus.

### **What are the symptoms of measles?**

The symptoms of measles include a high fever, runny nose, cough, red and/or watery eyes, and a rash that starts on the face and neck and then spreads. The fever starts about 10 days (range 7 to 18 days) after exposure. The rash appears about 14 days after exposure.

### **How is measles spread?**

Measles spreads mainly by direct contact with airborne respiratory droplets. For example, if someone who is contagious coughs or sneezes near someone who has not been vaccinated, the susceptible person is at risk for contracting measles. Unvaccinated individuals can catch measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been—even if the person is no longer in the room. Infected people are contagious from 4 days before their rash starts to 4 days after.

### **What is the best way to protect my child and/or myself from contracting measles?**

This situation continues to underscore the importance of getting vaccinated. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to protect your child, family, and the larger community from contracting the measles.

### **What do I need to know about measles vaccinations for my child?**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children get two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination). The CDC recommends that the first dose of MMR should be given to children at 12-15 months of age and the second dose at 4-6 years of age.

### **What if either my child or I have only received one dose of MMR?**

According to the CDC, more than 95% of the people who receive a single dose of the MMR vaccine will develop immunity for the measles.

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is recommending that individuals with one dose of MMR who come into direct contact with someone with the measles should get the second dose of MMR.

### **What additional information about measles vaccinations is important to know about?**

People born before 1957 are considered immune as they likely had measles as children and developed a natural immunity. Persons that fall into this category are encouraged to contact their primary care physician if they have any questions about their immunity status to the measles.

**What should I do if I have any questions about my child's vaccination status or my own status regarding the same?**

If you have any questions about vaccination status and relative immunity against the measles for either yourself or your family members, you are encouraged to consult your primary care physician who may give you and/or your family members another MMR vaccination or perform a blood test to check for immunity to measles.

**On February 5, 2015, there were at least two confirmed cases of measles at a Kindercare located at 929 E. Palatine Road in Palatine. Do any District 15 students attend this Kindercare?**

Yes. Approximately 28 District 15 students attend this Kindercare. To the best of our knowledge, the District 15 students attending this Kindercare have received both MMR vaccinations and are considered fully immunized.

**What schools in District 15 do the students at this Kindercare attend?**

Jane Addams Elementary School  
Central Road Elementary School  
John G. Conyers Learning Academy  
Kimball Hill Elementary School  
Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School  
Lake Louise Elementary School  
Lincoln Elementary School  
Stuart R. Paddock Elementary School  
Winston Campus Elementary School

The District is legally required to protect the privacy interests of our students. Toward that end, no additional information that could otherwise serve to identify these students (i.e., grade level, classroom, etc.) will be shared.

**Does District 15 provide transportation services to students at this Kindercare?**

Yes. Three District 15 school buses are used to transport students who attend this Kindercare to our schools.

**Given that several students in District 15 attend this Kindercare, is the District consulting with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) on this issue?**

Yes. District 15 has actively partnered with the CCDPH regarding this issue.

**What is the CCDPH currently recommending that District 15 do to address the confirmed measles cases at Kindercare?**

1. Given that District 15 uses three school buses to transport students who attend Kindercare to our schools, the CCDPH has recommended that the District surface cleans the interior of each of these buses. The District's Transportation Department conducted the recommended surfacing cleaning on each of these three buses on February 5, 2015.
2. To our knowledge, the students at Kindercare who attend District 15 schools have received both MMR vaccinations and are considered fully immunized. In the event that any of these students would not have been vaccinated against the measles, the District would have followed the recommendation of the CCDPH to exclude them from attending school for 21 days or until each child's parent could demonstrate proof of immunization.
3. Until otherwise directed, if students display symptoms of the measles at any District 15 school, their parents and the CCDPH will be contacted, isolation procedures will be implemented, and the CCDPH will come to the school to conduct a screening with the student.

**How many students in my child's school have either received or not received the measles vaccination?**

Each public school district in Illinois is required to submit student immunization data to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on an annual basis. School districts are required to share this information with their respective communities. To review this information at any school in District 15, you can do so by visiting the following [LINK](#).

When reviewing this information, please be sure to keep in mind that a physician may determine that a student should not be immunized due to a medical condition(s).

To learn more about exemptions to required vaccinations, parents and community members are encouraged to visit the Illinois State Board of Education's website at the following [LINK](#).

**Where can I find additional information about measles?**

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health Website](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health Fact Sheet](#)

[Statement from Health Officials in Illinois and Cook County](#)