

# HEALTH ADVISORY

## Measles Evaluation Checklist

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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, we have recently had 6 cases of measles in our state. Four of those cases are part of an outbreak in Clallam County. Because of this, clinicians in our community are on heightened alert for rash illnesses that could be measles, and we appreciate your concern and diligence. As you know, the identification of any case suspected to be measles results in the need to submit several specimens to the state labs on an expedited time schedule, and an evaluation of all potential contacts in the clinical setting, in case measles is confirmed. In order to assist in focusing on those cases most likely to be measles, I am including a tool for you that will help work through suspect cases and whether to test or not. This is titled "Suspect Measles Worksheet" but feel free to use this as you see fit. This worksheet has been field tested in the current outbreak and I hope you find it useful.

A reminder that the DOH webpage with measles information including useful resources and the case definition for measles is at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/NotifiableConditions/Measles>

As always, feel free to call Kitsap Public Health if you have any questions or need help with an investigation or testing at 360-337-5235.

Sincerely,

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