

If you wait to vaccinate your child against measles

Measles is a highly contagious disease that spreads through airborne viruses. There is no cure for measles. It is a good idea to wait to travel until your child has been vaccinated against measles. The vaccine that is given at the child health center is effective and safe.

Before traveling abroad

Measles is more common in many other countries than in Sweden. There is a greater risk of infection in places where large numbers of people gather, such as airports.

After traveling abroad

If your child has not been vaccinated and develops a fever within 3 weeks of returning home, call 1177 for advice. Please let us know that your child has not been vaccinated against measles. Do not meet with other children and adults.

If your child develops measles

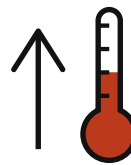
There is no cure for measles. The treatment only relieves symptoms. A child with measles may sometimes need to be hospitalized.



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red eyes



fever



runny nose

Symptoms of measles

Measles starts with:

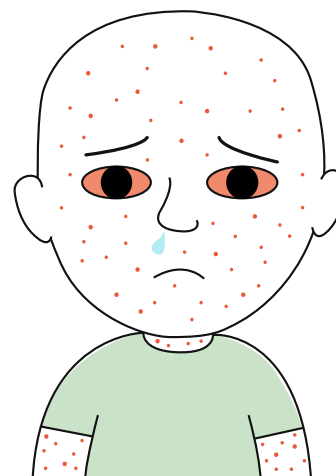
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- Red eyes

After 2–4 days, a rash (red spots) appears.



Would you like to know more?

You can read more about measles at 1177



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