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Vaccine Update 512- confirmed cases of measles

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Confirmed measles case in Western Australia

Western Australia (WA) has confirmed 2 cases of measles since 27 October.

Measles is a highly infectious virus that can cause serious illness. The people most at risk of measles are those who are:

- overseas travellers or anyone who has attended an exposure location, and is not immune to measles
- born after 1965 and have not received 2 doses of a measles containing vaccine
- at risk of severe illness from measles including immunocompromised people, young children and pregnant people.

As a trusted health professional, you should be alert for measles, particularly among returned overseas travellers and persons who have attended an exposure location. Urgently notify suspected measles cases to your local Public Health Unit.

Two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine offers a high level of protection against the measles virus. People recommended to have the vaccine include:

- children at 12 months and 18 months of age
- individuals born after 1965 who have not received 2 doses of MMR
- people planning to travel overseas to countries with reported measles outbreaks
- people planning a pregnancy (recommended at least 4 weeks prior to getting pregnant, as the vaccine cannot be given during pregnancy)
- healthcare workers and people working with children
- workers in long-term care and correctional facilities

In WA, free MMR vaccines are available for:

- children at 12 months and 18 months of age
- individuals born after 1965 who do not have documented evidence of 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine
- infants aged 6 months to 11 months, travelling to countries experiencing a measles outbreak, or exposed to someone with measles.