

# When to go to the ER for measles

**Look out for serious symptoms—you might need emergency care**

Measles typically starts first with cough, runny nose and red eyes and often leads to a rash and fever over 101 degrees Fahrenheit. If you think you have measles, get medical care. Symptoms can become worse over time, complications can develop, and measles can be deadly if you don't receive appropriate care.

**If you have any of these symptoms, go to the emergency room immediately:**



A hard time breathing or breathing faster than normal



Signs of severe dehydration (dry nose and mouth, urinating less than usual)



Confusion, decreased alertness, or severe weakness



For young children: a blue color around the mouth, crying without making tears, unusually low energy, or severe loss of appetite



Have someone call the ER to let them know a person with measles is coming in so they can see you away from other patients.



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