



Measles Vaccine Rash

What is the measles vaccine?

The live measles vaccine has prevented many deaths and serious complications of the disease. The vaccine is given to children over 12 months of age.

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About 15% of children develop some mild symptoms 7 to 10 days after they are vaccinated with the measles vaccine. A slight pink rash on the body usually on trunk lasting 2 or 3 days. Your child may also have a fever of 101F to 103F (38.4C to 39.5C). The fever lasts less than 3 days.

How can I take care of my child?

None is needed. The measles vaccine rash is harmless and not contagious.

When should I call Idaho Falls Pediatrics?

Call during office hours if:

- The rash becomes itchy.
- The rash changes to purple spots or dots.
- The rash lasts more than 3 days.
- Fever lasting more than 3 days.
- You have other questions or concerns.

*NOTE: This information is provided as a public educational service. The information does not replace any of the instructions your physician gives you. If you have a medical emergency please call 911 or call the Hospital at (208) 529-6111. If you have questions about your child's care, please call Idaho Falls Pediatrics at (208) 522-4600.