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Updated: Wood County Health Department reports measles case with multiple exposures

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Please be advised that Wood County Health Department has confirmed 1 measles case in Bowling Green, Ohio, with exposure in multiple locations. The individual was at multiple locations in Bowling Green while infectious during the days and times listed below.

Anyone who was at the following locations during these times may have been exposed to measles:

- *Bowling Green State University on September 23, 2026 in the Overman and/or Physical Science Buildings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.*
- *Pagliai's Restaurant on September 23, 2026 between the times 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*
- *Wood County Hospital Emergency Department on September 24, 2026 between the times of 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on September 25, 2026.*
- *Wood County Hospital Emergency Department on September 25, 2026 between the times of 6:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.*
- *Falcon Health Center on September 28, 2026 between the times of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

If you were present at these locations during these times, please fill out the Measles Close Contact Investigation Form that can be found at woodcountyhealth.org or on the Wood County Health Department social media page.

Measles is an acute, highly contagious viral disease. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, red, watery eyes and rash. Although measles is usually considered a childhood disease, it can be contracted at any age.

You are **considered protected (immune)** if you have **ONE** of the following:

- You were **born before 1957**, OR
- You have **documentation of at least 1 dose of MMR vaccine (two doses are recommended to be considered fully immune)**, OR
- You have ever had **measles diagnosed by a healthcare provider**

Measles vaccination is recommended for anyone age 1 and older who may be unvaccinated to protect themselves and others. Children should get the MMR vaccine at 12–15 months and again at 4–6 years, with earlier doses (as young as 6 months) sometimes recommended during special circumstances such as for travel or during outbreaks. Check with your healthcare provider with any questions.

What to do if you were in a location of potential measles exposure

If you ARE protected:

- **Your risk is very low.**



- Monitor for symptoms for 21 days after exposure.

If you are NOT protected or unsure:

- Call your healthcare provider as soon as possible.
- You may be eligible for post-exposure vaccination to reduce risk. Post exposure vaccination must be received within 72 hours after exposure.
- Watch for symptoms for the next 21 days.

If you develop illness with fever or unexplained rash:

- **Call ahead before going to a doctor, urgent care, or ER.**
- Limit contact with others to prevent the spread of illness. If you were at any of the locations during the times listed above and are not immune to measles, the symptoms likely would appear within the next 21 days. People who have weakened immune systems may take longer to experience symptoms.

Most people in our community are protected through vaccination, and the overall risk to the public remains low.

The mission of Wood County Health Department is to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of everyone in Wood County. For more information, visit woodcountyhealth.org.

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