

# WHITNALL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The CDC has reported an outbreak of measles in the U.S. currently involving ten states. The Whitnall School District would like to take this opportunity to provide some information about measles and how to prevent it.

Measles is a viral infection that causes fever, cough, a rash, sore eyes, and can lead to serious complications. Measles spreads very easily, so it is important to protect against infection. Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent measles.

Two doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine provides the best protection against disease. These doses must be separated by at least 28 days. MMR vaccine is routinely recommended between 12-15 months and the second dose before entering school, at 4-6 years. Waivers to the school requirements are available for religious, health, and personal conviction reasons. However, in the event of an outbreak of measles students with waivers may be excluded from school until the outbreak is declared over.

It is important for you to check your child's immunization records to make sure he/she has received two doses of MMR vaccine. You may check your child's immunization record by logging on to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm> Your local health department and/or family health care provider may also have your child's immunization record.

If your child needs the MMR vaccine, please call your healthcare provider or if you have badgercare or no insurance contact your local health department.

If your child does develop a rash with a fever, they should not attend school and you should call your healthcare provider. It is important to call the clinic or hospital before taking your child in. Please remember- the best way to protect your child is to ensure they have had two doses of MMR. For more information on measles, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/>.

Sincerely,  
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