

Action Card

Management of suspected / confirmed cases of Measles

Community settings

- If triage of the patient has identified that measles is suspected or confirmed consider the below:
 - Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated with MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)
 - Recent travel to an area where measles is circulating
 - Contact with confirmed or suspected case of measles
- If remote consultation is not possible and in-person review is needed - patients with suspected or confirmed measles attending our services, should be separated in space and / or time between patients
- Patients attending with suspected measles infection should be prioritised for assessment / treatment and isolated at the time of arrival (for example, directed straight to a consultation room on arrival)
- Appointments should be scheduled to reduce waiting times in reception areas (where necessary) and avoid cross-over of infectious and no-infectious patients.
- If transfer from a primary care facility to a hospital is required, ambulance services should be informed of the infectious status of the patient. Patient confidentiality must be maintained.
- Patients attending without prior notification should ideally be screened and triaged at the reception or entrance, this would include:
 - Asking the patient if they have a rash, cold like symptoms and a temperature
- Patients with suspected measles should not wait in communal areas or reception areas and should be placed in a segregated area (ideally a single room away from others) as soon as possible. Please refer to the 'Transmission based precautions (TBPs) and Isolation' action card. All action cards are available on StaffZone - search 'measles'
- If the patient has confirmed or suspected measles, then if possible/tolerated the patient should wear a surgical face mask (type I/II/IIR) in communal areas (for example, during transfer). The request for patients to wear a facemask must never compromise their clinical care.

PPE

Staff should wear the following PPE when assessing or managing patients with confirmed or suspected measles:

- single-use, disposable gloves
- single-use, disposable apron or gown if extensive splashing or spraying, or performing an aerosol generating procedure (AGP)
- respiratory protective equipment (FFP3) - FFP3 should only be worn by staff who have been fit tested for the appropriate mask as without correct fit testing, the mask will not provide adequate protection
- eye/face protection (goggles or visor)

