

Alert:

Parents and Guardians:

The CDC has reported that measles cases are currently occurring in ten states. The Rib Lake 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. Prevention of measles is available with two doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine. These doses must be separate 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.

It is the parent's/guardian's right to sign waivers to the school requirements for religious, health, and personal conviction reasons. Please know that in the event of an outbreak of measles students with waivers may be excluded from school until the outbreak is declared over. If you have signed a waiver, but decide to get your child immunized, please let the school know so we can update our records.

It is important for you to check your child's immunization records to see if 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 you have questions about the measles vaccine, please contact your health care provider.