



## Measles Testing Referral Process

Measles testing should be considered in patients presenting with compatible signs/symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis, and disseminated rash), especially those with an epidemiological risk factor (i.e., known or suspected measles exposure, international travel or travel to an area with ongoing measles outbreak, and/or unvaccinated against measles).

### Recommendations:

- If patient and/or exposed family requires testing, we are encouraging patients **not to present to our Urgent Care or ED locations for testing purposes only** to avoid additional exposures and to have lab collection completed while in office after determination has been made to test.
- If lab collection is unable to take place in office, clinicians should **call and schedule testing** in the available locations which are closest to the families residence. If a transfer of care to Nationwide Children's Hospital is needed, please call our Physician Direct Connect Line at (877) 355-0221 to coordinate.
- Clinicians should **call the closest Lab location noted below** to schedule measles testing for the patient and/or exposed family members.
  - Canal Winchester – (614) 355-9050
  - Dublin– (614) 355-7000
  - East Broad – (614) 355-8100
  - Hilliard – (614) 355-5900
  - Marysville– (937) 578-7600
  - Westerville– (614) 355-8300
- Patients can be scheduled during the following hours:
  - Monday- Friday: 8:30am- 2:00pm
  - Saturday: 9:00am-11:00am
- Clinicians should order the following test :
  - Measles Virus by PCR with Reflex (Test code: MEA)
    - Collect nasopharyngeal (preferred) or throat swab for PCR *and* whole blood specimens for serology.
    - Refer to the [Laboratory Services Test Directory](#) for additional guidance
    - **Note:** *An ODH submission form is no longer required at this time*
  - Notify the public health department that a measles test has been ordered
    - Franklin County residents: call 614-525-8888 and follow prompts for reporting Class A disease
    - Residents of other counties: Contact the local public health department where the patient lives

Questions regarding the scheduling process can be directed to Laboratory Client Services by calling 614-722-5477.