



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, but rather **call and schedule testing** in the available locations which is closest to their 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.
 - An **ODH submission form** must be completed by the ordering provider. Forms must contain the assigned ODRS number from the health department. (See [example](#) form).

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

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