

## Enhanced measles triage

# COULD THIS PATIENT HAVE MEASLES?

Patient born during or after 1966

YES

Fever  
+ rash  
+ cough

OR

Fever  
+ conjunctivitis  
+ respiratory symptoms

**SUSPECT MEASLES**

More likely if known overseas travel or unvaccinated

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT MEASLES

1. Give the patient a surgical mask to wear.
2. Isolate in a single room - preferably negative pressure.
3. Collect:
  - Urine **AND** a nose **AND** throat viral swab, or NPA [infants] for PCR.
  - Blood for serology (measles IgM and IgG)
  - **Mark request as urgent.**
4. Tell your Infection Prevention and Control Officer.
5. Phone your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.
6. Discharge the patient quickly if medically appropriate, and advise to stay at home while awaiting results.

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