



## **MEASLES UPDATE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If your child is up to date on the MMR vaccine, and you do not have plans to travel internationally or live in close proximity to an affected community, additional vaccination or booster is NOT required at this time. Vaccinated children, over age 12 months, whose vaccines are up to date, do NOT need a booster until age 4.

- CDC recommends all children get two doses of MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age.
- Children aged 6-12 months who are living in or visiting an affected community or traveling internationally to a high risk area should get a vaccination. These children will need a total of 3 doses.
- Children aged 12 months to 4 years of age, who are not already vaccinated, should get an MMR vaccination. They would then need a second dose when they turn 4.
- Children aged 4 years and older who haven't started their series can do two doses 28 days apart.

As a reminder, the confirmed measles cases in Westchester County were primarily confined to one family, whose children were unvaccinated, in the Mount Kisco, NY community. As per the Westchester Department of Health:

“Measles has been confirmed in eight Westchester County children, six are siblings, and all are from Northern Westchester. None of the children attend public schools or childcare programs. The children range in age from six months to 14 years old.”

The MMR vaccine protects against three diseases: measles, mumps and rubella.