



Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

Recommendations for Vaccines in Light of Measles Outbreaks in the U.S.

In response to recent measles outbreaks in the United States, including Maryland, **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** and the **Maryland Department of Health (MDH)** recommend that children, adolescents and adults get the MMR vaccine to protect against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Recommendations

The following recommendations apply to Johns Hopkins Advantage MD, Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP):

Healthcare providers should consider the following steps for patients who might be at increased risk of measles exposure, such as people planning to travel to areas with measles outbreaks (see list of measles outbreaks reported to CDC here: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>), or who might have contact with visitors from these areas.

- Children 6-11 months old should be given the initial MMR vaccine. These children must be revaccinated when they are 12-15 months old and again when they are 4-6 years of age (3 doses of the vaccine in total).
- Children may also get the MMRV vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox). This vaccine is only licensed for use in children who are 12 months through 12 years of age.
- Teens and adults who have not received the MMR vaccination should have it administered.
- Some adolescents and adults may need an MMR if they are showing poor immunity or have an uncertain history of MMR vaccination.

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