



Information for passengers and crew on a flight with an infectious case of measles

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1. Information for passengers and crew on a flight with a case of infectious measles

This information is only intended for people who have been informed by their airline or Public Health authorities that they have flown on a flight recently with someone who is a confirmed case of measles and was infectious on the flight. If you have not been told this, then the contents of this page do not apply to you, and you should contact your doctor if you have any queries about measles.

2. About measles

Measles is a disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash and fever. Measles can be serious, particularly for people whose immune system is not working normally. For more information on the signs and symptoms of measles, please visit

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/measles/>

3. The risk of catching measles

Most people are immune to measles, either because they had measles as a child or because they have been vaccinated with two doses of MMR vaccine, and so are very unlikely to catch measles.

Make sure that you and your household are up to date with your MMR vaccinations.

4. What to do if you think you have measles

If you become unwell and think it could be measles (within 3 weeks of the flight), you should stay away from others until 4 days after the onset of the rash and contact your doctor. You should ring the doctor/GP surgery/GP Out of Hours beforehand and advise them that you have been exposed to infectious measles so they can make sure you do not pass the disease to others in the waiting room. Take this information with you and tell your doctor that you have been on the same flight as someone with infectious measles.

5. Additional advice for passengers and crew who may be at higher risk of measles

If you have weakened immunity (due to illness or medication) you should contact your doctor straight away and advise them that you have been exposed to measles on a flight.

If you are pregnant and not sure of your immunity to measles you should contact your GP/obstetrician/midwife straight away and advise them that you have been exposed to measles on a flight.

If you were travelling with a baby under 12 months of age on the flight, you should contact your GP straight away and advise them that your infant has been exposed to measles on a flight.

Your doctor should seek advice from the local Department of Public Health.

If you are well and not in the groups listed above (pregnant, baby under 12 months, weakened immunity) you do not need to take action.