# Wake County Public School System Communicable Disease: Measles Preparedness and Reporting

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# NC Immunization-School Requirements

- Parents, guardians or responsible individual must present a Certificate of Immunization on or before the student's first day of attendance
- If a Certificate of Immunization is not provided on or before the first day of attendance, a letter of deficiency is provided and gives 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunizations
- Students not meeting the 30 calendar day requirement are excluded from attending school until the immunization requirements are met

# NC Immunization-In Process and Exclusions

Students who have begun a series of immunizations but have not completed the series due to the need to meet minimum intervals between doses are considered *in process* and may attend school

North Carolina Immunization Law also has vaccines exemptions for medical or religious reasons

# Communicable Disease Communication-April 2025 and May 2025

**April 2025**

Vaccine preventable communicable disease information was provided in WCPSS principal and community messages and posted on WakeConnect

**Purpose**:

Remind principals, families and staff of the importance of vaccination in the prevention of communicable diseases

**May 2025**

A WCPSS Preparedness and Reporting Plan was provided to WCPSS Leadership and posted on WakeConnect

**Purpose:**

Provide a preparedness and reporting plan should WCPSS have a confirmed case of measles and/or a measles outbreak

# Communicable Disease Update-January 2026

## January 2026

### Information shared with WCPSS Leadership

- The community may notice an increase in measles testing by providers
- Testing does not mean the individual has measles
- Measles cases must to be confirmed positive by NCDHHS
- Wake County Public Health Communicable Disease notifies WCPSS Health Services of confirmed student and staff cases

# MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)

With the risk for community spread increasing, parents/guardians have been asked to check on their student(s) childhood immunization status, including the measles vaccine

# Immunization Preparedness

**Student Immunization**

- All student immunizations must be entered into Infinite Campus by data managers

**Staff Immunization**

- Staff are not required to share their immunization status
- Staff should not be asked to present immunization records

# Preparedness and Reporting

## Measles guidance for schools and PreK Centers

1. Assign a staff member to be responsible for reporting communicable diseases to WCPSS Health Services
2. Identify a location where individuals with suspected measles can be isolated
3. Have face masks available for individuals with symptoms of measles
4. Schools and PreK Centers should review student immunization status
5. Encourage staff to review their immunization status