
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

WHAT SHOULD CLINICIANS DO WHEN EVALUATING PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED MEASLES?

- **CONSIDER MEASLES** in patients presenting with febrile rash illness AND clinically compatible measles symptoms (COUGH, CORYZA, CONJUNCTIVITIS)
- **PROMPTLY ISOLATE** patients with suspected measles to avoid disease transmission
- **IMMEDIATELY REPORT** the suspected measles case to the Department of Health (see below)
- **OBTAIN SPECIMENS** for testing from patients with suspected measles
 - ◆ SEROLOGIC TESTING FOR MEASLES [IgM and IgG] (testing done by commercial lab)
⇒ Notify commercial lab of suspected measles diagnosis PRIOR to sending patient to lab
 - ◆ THROAT OR NP (nasopharyngeal) SWAB (testing done at State Lab – contact DOH)
⇒ Place synthetic swab in 1-3 mL of viral transport medium (keep cold)
- **ENSURE** all patients and staff are up-to-date on measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine

REPORT TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

Oahu:	(808) 586-4586	After hours: (808) 566-5049
Maui:	(808) 984-8213	
Hawaii:	(808) 933-0912 (Hilo)	(808) 322-4877 (Kona)
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