Measles Infection Timeline

**Exposure period**
(averages 10-12 days before rash onset, range of 7-21 days)

[Date: ___/___] - [Date: ___/___]

**Onset of symptoms:**
- High Fever
- Cough
- Coryza
- Conjunctivitis

**Koplik spots** may appear (usually 2-3 days after symptoms begin)

**Date of Rash Onset (day 0)**
[Date: ___/___]

**Infectious period**
(4 days before and 4 days after rash onset)

[Date: ___/___] - [Date: ___/___]

Over the next few days, rash spreads from head to trunk to the extremities. Fever may spike to more than 104°F.

Rash lasts 5-6 days and will disappear in the same order that it appeared from head to extremities.

**Reminders for providers**
- Collect NP swab if within 3 days of rash onset
- Collect serum for serology testing (IgM, IgG)
- Tell patient to **self-isolate for 4 days after rash onset**
- Do not use patient room for the next 2 hours and disinfect room
- Report immediately upon suspicion

Contact your local health department immediately to report all suspect cases of measles and to discuss testing options. IDPH may also be reached at 217-782-2016

IDPH can be reached for emergencies after business hours, weekends or holidays: 217-782-7860

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