



## **Measles in New York City: What Directors of Article 48 Summer Programs Need to Know**

There is currently a large measles outbreak in parts of New York City, primarily in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. To help control the outbreak, the Commissioner of Health is issuing an Order to summer programs located in ZIP codes 11205, 11206, 11211 and 11249 that requires them to follow additional steps.

This fact sheet provides information on measles, the current outbreak and the responsibilities of Article 48 summer programs within and outside of ZIP codes 11205, 11206, 11211 and 11249.

### **What is measles?**

Measles is a highly infectious virus that causes fever and rash; it can be deadly.

### **Who can get measles?**

- Anyone who is not vaccinated or immune can get measles at any age.
- Measles can be serious for people of all ages, but those who are most at risk include infants and young children, people who are pregnant, people with weakened immune systems, and adults who are not immune to measles.

### **How do you prevent measles?**

Vaccination is the best way to prevent measles. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and effective.

### **My summer program IS located in ZIP code 11205, 11206, 11211 or 11249. What are the vaccination requirements and how can I comply?**

Summer programs in these ZIP codes must take additional steps to protect the health of children and staff. Any child or staff person who does not meet the vaccination requirements in the Order may not attend your summer program. This includes children or staff with a medical condition that prevents vaccination.

Summer programs in these ZIP codes must do the following:

- Maintain an immunization record for every enrolled child that includes the dates when the child received the MMR vaccine.
  - Children ages 6 to 11 months must have one dose of the MMR vaccine. This is an extra, early dose.
  - Children 12 months or older who will enter child care or pre-kindergarten in fall 2019 must have one dose of the MMR vaccine. If a child received an extra, early dose at 6

to 11 months, they must still receive a dose of the MMR vaccine on or after their first birthday, at least 28 days after the extra, early dose.

- Children who will enter kindergarten or a higher grade in fall 2019 must have two doses of the MMR vaccine administered on or after their first birthday. The doses must be separated by a minimum of 28 days. Children can attend the summer program immediately after receiving the first dose of the MMR vaccine, but must receive the second dose 28 days after the first dose.
- Maintain documentation of a recent medical examination and immunizations for every staff person, including the dates when the staff person received the MMR vaccine. A positive measles IgG titer or a birthdate prior to 1957 is an acceptable substitute for the MMR vaccine.
- Maintain on-site immunization records and daily attendance records for enrolled children and staff. If Health Department staff ask to see these records, provide them immediately or within one hour.
- Always maintain required child-to-staff ratios, even if staff have been excluded because they do not meet the vaccination requirements.
- Notify the Health Department immediately if a child or staff person has been diagnosed with the measles by calling the provider access line at 866-692-3641.

**My summer program is NOT located in ZIP code 11205, 11206, 11211 or 11249. What are the vaccination requirements and how can I comply?**

There is no change in vaccination requirements. You must continue to do the following:

- Maintain an immunization record for every enrolled child, including the dates when the child received the MMR vaccine.
  - Children 12 months or older who will enter child care or pre-kindergarten in fall 2019 should have one dose of the MMR vaccine.
  - Children who will enter kindergarten or a higher grade in fall 2019 should have two doses of the MMR vaccine.
  - Children do not need to be vaccinated if they have a medical exemption.
- Maintain documentation on-site of a recent medical examination and immunizations for every staff person, including the dates when the staff person received the MMR vaccine. A positive measles IgG titer or a birthdate prior to 1957 is an acceptable substitute for the MMR vaccine.
- Make these medical records available to Health Department staff, if requested.

For inquiries about summer program requirements, call your [child care borough office](#). To find borough office contact information, visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) and search for “camp operators.”

For more information on measles and this measles outbreak, visit [nyc.gov/health/measles](http://nyc.gov/health/measles).