



Knowsley Council

Dear Parents and Carers

Make sure your child is protected from measles

Measles is spreading in Knowsley. Please read this information on how to protect your family.

How serious is measles?

Measles can be a serious illness, and most people who catch measles become very unwell, with many people admitted to hospital. Babies and young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity are at increased risk of complications. In rare cases, people infected with measles will die.

Measles is very infectious, and spreads easily. Spending 15 minutes or more with someone who has measles is enough to catch the infection. A child who has measles will infect nearly all of the unprotected children they come into contact with. This means that if an unvaccinated child spends time with someone who has measles, it is highly likely that they will catch measles.

Although most children who live in Knowsley have been vaccinated against measles, there are still many children who have not had two doses of MMR vaccine. This means that many children are at risk from measles.

How can I protect my child against measles?

Vaccination is the best way to protect children and adults from measles. MMR vaccination has been proven to be safe, with millions of doses given in the UK. It is really important that children receive two doses of MMR vaccine to ensure that they are protected.

Please check your child's red book, or contact your GP if you are unsure whether your child has had their MMR vaccinations.

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My child has not had two doses of MMR vaccine – what do I need to do now?

The school vaccination service is offering extra clinics for secondary school children over half term:

Location	Address	Date
St Helens Clinic	Ashtons Green Clinic, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP	Tuesday 26 May 2026
Manor Farm Clinic	Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road, Knowsley, L36 0UB	Wednesday 27 May 2026
Runcorn Clinic	Castlefield Community Centre, The Village Square, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2ST	Thursday 28 May 2026
St Chad's Clinic	Room F52, St Chad's Drive, Kirkby, L32 8RE	Friday 29 May 2026

Phone the school vaccination service on 0151 351 8805 to make an appointment.

If you have any questions about MMR, the nurse will be happy to answer these before your child has the vaccine.

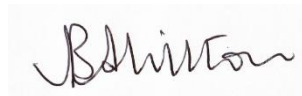
You can also arrange an MMR vaccination for your child by contacting your GP.

Where to find out more advice and information

If you would like more information about measles, visit [Measles - NHS](#) - this website has a picture of measles rash.

More information about MMR vaccination is at [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#)

Yours sincerely



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