



## Measles Information from CCSD93 to Parents

### What is CCSD93 Doing About Measles?

- It is important to note that there are currently no reported cases of measles among CCSD93 students or staff.
- CCSD93 is monitoring the measles situation very closely with school nurses and is in constant communication with:
  - The Center for Disease Control & Prevention
  - The Illinois Department of Public Health
  - The DuPage County Health Department
  - The Regional Office of Education
- CCSD93 has shared information from the DuPage County Health Department with parents via:
  - Enews - superintendent's weekly email newsletter sent on Friday, February 6.
  - School and district website ([www.ccsd93.com](http://www.ccsd93.com)) under the *News* section.
- CCSD93 will continue to educate all parents on the latest information from the above organizations via online communications. An electronic copy of this information is also posted on district and school web pages. A hard copy of this information will be sent on the back of a parent letter to be sent home on Friday, February 13.
- Measles is an airborne disease that can also be transmitted through surface contact. CCSD93 has directed all custodial staff to heighten cleaning measures by more regularly cleaning and sanitizing areas that are frequently touched by students and staff.
- CCSD93 is urging students and staff members to wash hands regularly.

### What Can Parents Do?

- All parents and stakeholders should remain calm, as we have with each health concern in the last 3-5 years.
- Parents who have children over 12 months of age who have not been vaccinated with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine at all are urged to have them vaccinated.
- Parents whose child has received the first MMR vaccination, but not the second, may wish to seek medical advice from their pediatrician.
- Parents who have an infant under 12 months of age should contact their pediatrician for medical advice.
- Adults can acquire and spread this contagious disease if they are not immune to it. Parents should check that they are current with their immunizations. If parents or those in their family do not have documented immunity against measles, they should contact their physician or local pharmacy for appropriate vaccinations and/or immunity testing.
- Parents who suspect their child may have measles should contact their doctor or pediatrician.

### Other Important Facts:

- CCSD93 must allow state mandated exemptions from MMR and other vaccinations to students for religious or medical reasons.
- There are two required doses of the MMR vaccination:
  - Students in kindergarten and beyond who do not have an exemption are required to have both doses.
  - Preschool students who do not have an exemption are required to have received the first dose, and are eligible to receive the second dose four weeks after receiving the first dose.
- According to the most recent information provided to CCSD93 from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention is that the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) shot is:
  - 97% effective for individuals who have received both vaccinations.
  - 93% effective for individuals who have received the first vaccination only.
- According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, measles can cause complications during pregnancy. If a woman who is pregnant feels she may have been exposed to measles, she should contact her physician.

### If Parents Have Further Questions:

- Parents are invited to call CCSD93 at 630-893-9393 and ask to speak with a district nurse.
- Parents can visit the DuPage County Health Department's webpage at [www.dupagehealth.org](http://www.dupagehealth.org) or contact them directly at 630-221-7553.