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Preventing the Spread of Measles At McMaster Children's Hospital

If you and/or your child have measles symptoms (fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, rash) or is at the hospital for measles testing:

- you and your child will be put in a room with controlled airflow or with a special machine called a HEPA Filter to prevent the spread of measles.

Before you come to the Emergency Department

- Let us know you are coming to the hospital if you think your child has measles or has been around another person with measles.
- If you come by ambulance, tell the PARAMEDICS.
- If you come to the EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT on your own, a vaccinated adult should FIRST enter the hospital ALONE to tell the registration staff that someone who may have measles is coming in.

OR

- Call (905) 521-5020 before you come and let us know you or your child might have measles.
- We will meet you outside the doors and bring you to a room.

For a clinic appointment

- If you/your child has a CLINIC appointment, call your clinic before coming for the appointment.
- Your/your child may need to be tested for measles.
- We will also prepare a space for your appointment.

During your visit at the hospital

- You and your child must stay in your room with the door closed. Some rooms need a HEPA filter. This is called airborne isolation.
- If you and/or your child need to go out for tests or the bathroom – the staff will help you with this.
- Everyone entering the room will wear gowns, gloves, masks and eye protection.
- We may need to limit the number of visitors

Leaving the hospital (Emergency Department and Clinics)

- We will help you exit the hospital through the shortest and safest route. Please wait until we can help you.
- We will have a space for you to sit if you are waiting for a ride. Do not sit in the waiting areas or come back in the hospital to wait.
- After you leave the hospital DO NOT come back into the hospital, café, cafeteria or pharmacy unless you need emergency care.
- If you need to come back in, call (905) 521-5020.