

Importance to Parents and Childcare Centers

Childcare workers can be exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases that may result in their own illness, lost time at work, exposure to co-workers and family members, and even death.

Unimmunized or under immunized childcare workers are at risk of contracting illnesses from the children they work with and spreading it to other unimmunized individuals

One study of the 2011 flu season reported an estimated

100 million lost work days

32 million missed school days

nearly **7 billion** in lost wages

Childcare workers may have misconceptions about the need for immunizations and their safety. Researchers recommend that employers support childcare worker immunization campaigns.

Most parents understand the need for such a policy, according to a C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll of Children's Health.

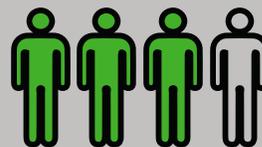
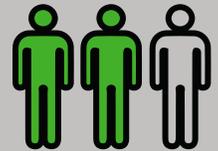
In a recent survey of parents with children under the age of five, nearly all agreed that children in daycare should be vaccinated.

In fact, 59% strongly agreed.



Parents also felt that daycare providers should review immunizations annually to ensure compliance.

Two-thirds thought parents should be informed of the number of children at a facility who have not had appropriate vaccinations.

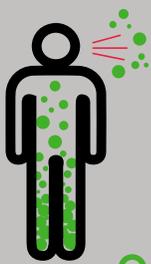


Nearly three-quarters would consider changing providers if a quarter or more of the children were not up to date.

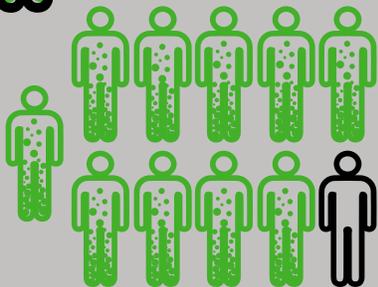
The Dangers of Measles

MEASLES CAN BE SERIOUS

Some people think of measles as just a little rash and fever that clears up in a few days, but measles can cause serious health complications, especially in children younger than five years of age. There is no way to tell in advance the severity of the symptoms your child will experience.



Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.



9 OUT OF 10

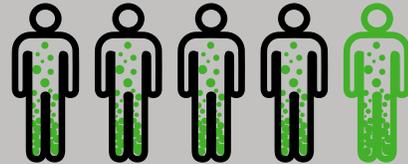
Measles is so contagious that if one person has measles, up to nine out of ten people around the person carrying the disease will also become infected if they are not protected.

2 HOURS

Your child can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been, even up to two hours after that person has left.



MEASLES IS VERY CONTAGIOUS



1 IN 5 People in the U.S. who get measles will be hospitalized.

1 OUT OF 1,000



People with measles will develop brain swelling, which could lead to brain damage.

1 to 3 OUT OF 1,000



People with measles will die, even with the best care.

4+4

An infected person can spread measles to others even before showing symptoms—from four days before developing the measles rash through four days afterward.