
Lab Alert: Measles Testing Summary

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

If you suspect a patient has measles, **contact your local Health Department immediately** for further instructions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to notify clinicians and public health officials about the recent measles outbreaks. We offer the primary PCR testing when measles is suspected (MEASR, MEASU) and the IgG and IgM recommended blood testing (MEASQT, MEASM).

Collect throat swab, urine sample, and blood specimen as soon as possible after rash onset (maximum of 9 days after rash onset). Day 0 is the initial rash onset date.

NEW TEST CODES

Order Code	Test Name	Result Code	Result Name	LOINC	CPT
MEASR	Measles PCR, Throat	MEASRR	Measles PCR, Throat	91077-8	87798
MEASU	Measles PCR, Urine	MEASUR	Measles Virus PCR, Urine	86577-4	87798

BLOOD TESTING

Order Code	Test Name
MEASQT	Measles IgG Quantitative
MEASM	Measles Ab, IgM

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

See test directory at www.reglab.org

BILLING INFORMATION

CPT 87798 is subject to limited coverage. An ABN (Advance Beneficiary Notice) or Patient Consent may be required for non-covered services.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Nebraska DHHS Measles HAN <https://dhhs.ne.gov/han%20Documents/ADVISORY07072025.pdf>

Contact Regional Pathology Services

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