
Lab Alert: Measles Testing Update

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

If you suspect a patient has measles, **contact your local Health Department immediately** for further instructions. For more information, see [Measles Provider Guidance](#).

Effective July 14th, for patients who are ineligible for testing through the Health Department, we now offer local PCR testing, with a new test code MEASLE. Testing is performed Monday-Friday, with an expected turnaround time of 24-72 hours.

Collect urine sample and swab (throat, nasopharyngeal aspirate, nasal) as soon as possible after rash onset (maximum of 9 days after rash onset). Day 0 is the initial rash onset date. Antibody testing is also available.

NEW TEST CODE (ONE ORDER PER SPECIMEN SOURCE)

Order Code	Test Name
MEASLE	Measures Virus PCR (Swab or Urine)

BLOOD TESTING

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

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Urine in Sterile Cup

Swabs in Viral Transport Media

Please note that each specimen container must be sealed with Parafilm™ or tape and placed into a biohazard bag with absorbent material. See test directory for full details: 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.

TEST BUILD INFORMATION

Order Code	OrderName	ResultCode	ResultName	RESULT LOINC	CPT
MEASLE	Measles Virus PCR	MEARES	MEASLES RESULT		87798
MEASLE	Measles Virus PCR	MEA	MEASLES VIRUS	48508-6	
MEASLE	Measles Virus PCR	MEVA	MEASLES VIRUS VACCINE GENOTYPE A	88875-0	
MEASLE	Measles Virus PCR	RNAP	Rnase P	68993-5	

Contact Regional Pathology Services

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