

# The Measles Threat

On March 4, 2026, Travellers at Toronto's Pearson airport may have been exposed to measles. Toronto Public Health says those on certain flights at the airport may have been exposed to measles.

Toronto Public Health is investigating a confirmed case of measles, with members of the public possibly being exposed on the following flights and location on Sunday, February 22, 2026:

- Flight AV579 (Guatemala City to San Salvador) on February 22

-Avianca Flight AV324 (San Salvador to Toronto) on February 22

-Toronto Pearson International Airport: Terminal 1 Arrivals on February 22 from approximately 1:40 to 4:10 p.m.

Public health says if you were there you should monitor for symptoms until March 15.

Symptoms can include fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, a red rash that begins on the face and spreads down the body and small blue-white spots that can appear on the inside of the mouth and throat.

On March 6th, 2026 Durham Region Health Department investigated confirmed case of measles in Durham Region.

Durham Region Health Department has received confirmation of a case of measles in a local unimmunized child in Whitby.

The Health Department is investigating and following up directly with known contacts in Durham Region who may have been exposed to the measles virus.

The Health Department's investigation has determined that members of the public may have been exposed at the following locations during the dates and times noted in the table below. Individuals who believe they may have been exposed are advised to monitor for signs and symptoms of measles.

Exposure may have occurred at the following locations during

the dates and times noted in the table below.

Location	Address	Date	Time
Watch for symptoms until (21 days after exposure)			

Measles case confirmed in Durham Region; public potentially exposed at Oshawa walk-in clinic and emergency department.

Health officials say an unimmunized child may have exposed others to the highly contagious virus in Oshawa.

The Durham Region Health Department says it has confirmed a case of measles in an unimmunized child from the area.

Officials are investigating and following up directly with the child's known contacts, and say members of the public may have been exposed to measles at two locations in Oshawa in recent weeks.

Where: Ritson North Urgent Care

When: Feb. 26 from 1:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and March 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Where: Lakeridge Health Oshawa, emergency department waiting room

When: March 2 from 11:25 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Infants under one-year old, unimmunized pregnant individuals, and people with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of complications from measles.

If you were at a walk-in clinic on Ritson Road in Oshawa or the emergency department at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa recently, you may have been exposed to the measles.

The person with measles had recently travelled internationally. A new variant of mpox has been detected in Ontario.

Toronto Public Health reported two cases of the mpox variant clade 1b. These are the first cases of this variant in Toronto and across the province.

Both cases are linked to travel. What is clade 1b?

Toronto Public Health said the city's mpox activity since 2022

has only involved the 1b strain, which has been responsible for global outbreaks in the past few years.

The newly detected strain, clade 1b, has been associated with outbreaks in parts of central and eastern Africa. It has been identified in small numbers of travel-related cases internationally, including in several European countries, public health officials said.

"Both clade 1b and 1b mpox can cause painful skin lesions, fever and other flu-like symptoms," Toronto Public Health said in a news release.

Prevention and treatment are the same for both types of mpox.

The Health Department advises anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the measles virus at the above locations to do the following:

Confirm you and your family members have two doses of measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV); those born before 1970 would likely have had measles illness as a child and are protected. Individuals who are unsure of their vaccination status should check with their health care professional.

If you develop symptoms, stay home and do not attend work or school. Call ahead before visiting a clinic or hospital and let them know you may have measles to allow them to prepare and prevent the spread of the virus. Wear a well-fitting mask when getting a medical assessment.

Individuals who do not have access to a health care professional may also call Durham Health Connection Line at 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that spreads easily to those who are not immunized or have not previously had measles. Infants under one-year old, unimmunized pregnant individuals, and people with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of complications from measles.



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