

# Belle Learns About Measles

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### Hello! My name is Belle!

- My name is Belle. I love going to school where I learn new things everyday.
- Today my teacher will be talking about Measles.
- I'm really excited to learn about this disease!



Hello class!
Today I will talk
about Measles.

#### What is Measles?

Measles is a viral infection that's serious for small children but is easily prevented with vaccination.

I'm the measles virus and I make you sick!!

### Measles is highly contagious



Wait! I have a question. My brother has measles. Can I get it from him?

YES! Measles is a highly contagious viral disease.



### How does it spread?



Measles spreads easily through the air when a sick person coughs or sneezes. These droplets carry the virus through the air and infect the other person who is not sick. I like to fly through the air to make others sick

### What happens next?

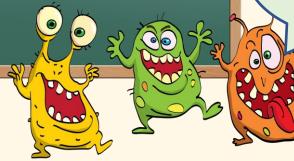
You won't show symptoms right away..

#### All About Measles

Measles symptoms don't appear right away.

In about 10 to 14 days after you are exposed to the virus you will begin to show symptoms

We are ready to make you sick.

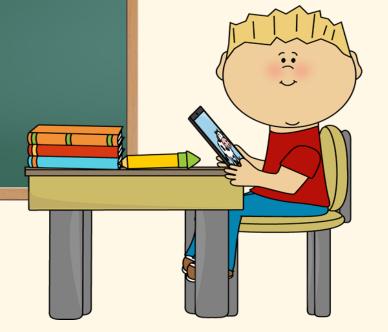


#### How will I know I have measles?



These are some of the symptoms of measles:

- Cough
- runny nose
- sore throat
- red, blotchy skin rash



# More Measles Symptoms



Here are some other symptoms

- High fever
- Red, watery eyes
- Diarrhea



# Measles Symptoms



#### More symptoms:

- Body aches
- Ear infections
- Cough



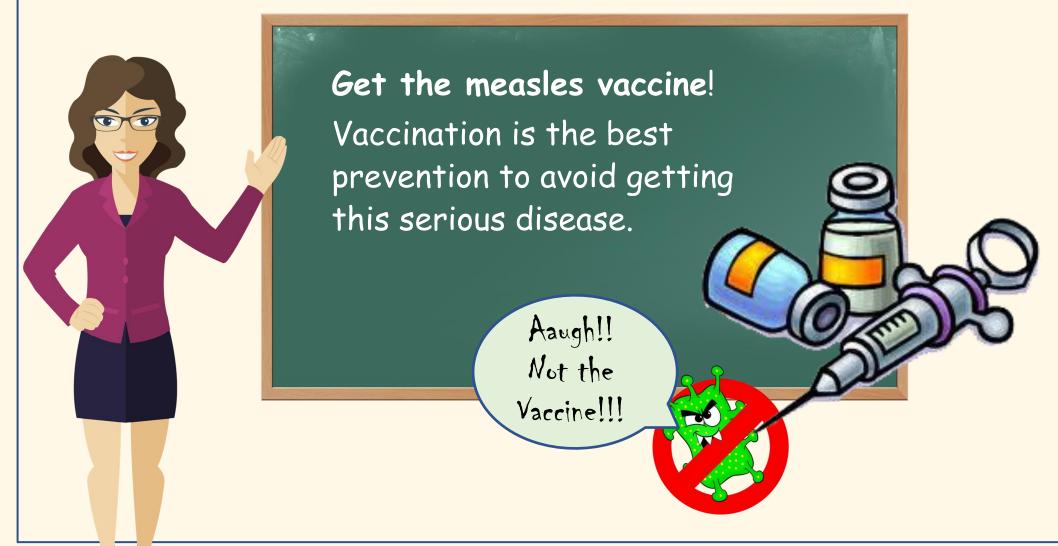
# Measles Symptoms



Measles is readily identified by a rash or red spots that start on your face and quickly spread to the rest of your body.



### How can I prevent getting Measles?



### Measles is dangerous for pregnant women

- Measles, also known as rubeola, is
   extremely dangerous for pregnant
   women, causing stillbirths or miscarriage.
- Rubella is another form of Measles. It is also very dangerous for the pregnant woman. If she gets rubella during early pregnancy, chances are that the baby will suffer severe birth defects.
- Vaccination is the best prevention for this deadly disease!



#### Home Remedies



#### Home remedies:

- Fever reducers
- Stay hydrated
- Get plenty of rest
- Stay out of the sunlight
- Avoid exercise or activities



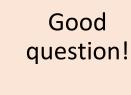
#### When it's time to see a doctor



See a doctor immediately if you have any of these symptoms:

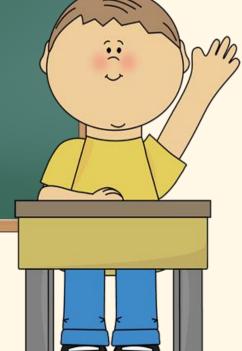
- · Onset of pneumonia
- A severe headache that is sensitive to light
- You feel faint or have loss of consciousness
- Experience convulsions or seizures





Can I get measles twice?

No. You cannot get measles more than once as you become immune after having it.



#### Questions?



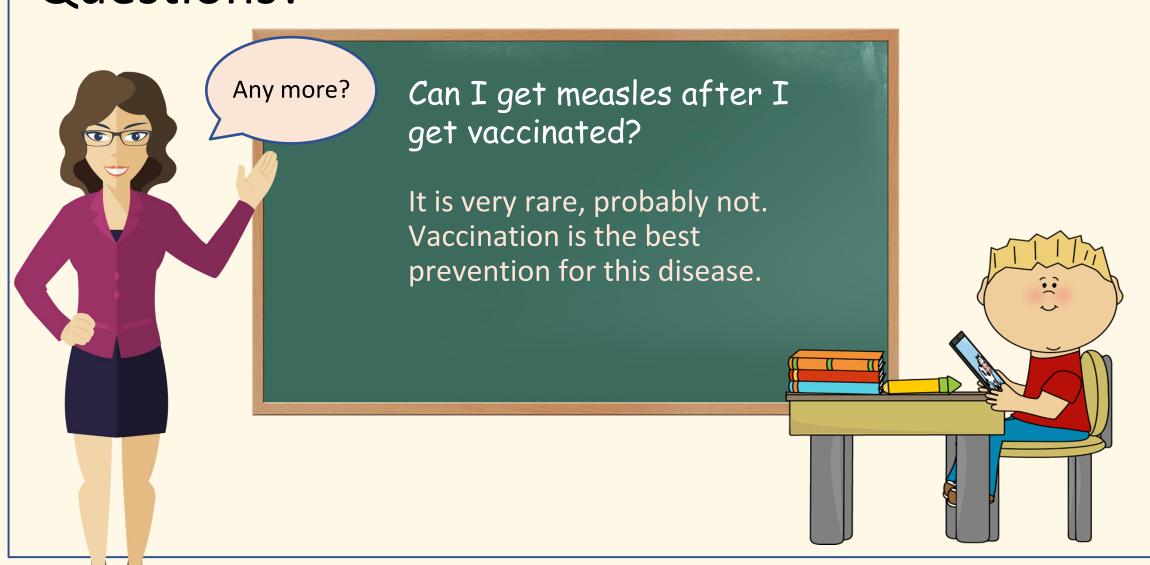
Anyone else?

I thought that measles was eliminated.

Actually no. Measles is still a very common disease, with about 20 million cases occurring every year.



#### Questions?



### Important Points to Remember

What did you learn about Measles?

Important points to remember about Measles:

- Measles is a very contagious viral infection that is serious for small children.
- Get your vaccination today!



#### What Belle Learned About Measles

I am very excited to tell my mom what I learned today about Measles.

I will ask my mom to take me to the doctor to get a Measles vaccine right away!



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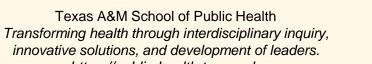
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