

MEASLES GUIDELINE

For Patients on Cancer Treatment

Risk to Cancer Patients

If you are getting treatment for cancer, your immune system may be weaker than usual. This means it's harder for your body to fight off infections like measles, and you could get sicker than other people.

The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine helps protect you from getting measles. It has a very weak form of the virus that won't make you sick. Instead, it teaches your body how to fight the real virus if you come into contact with it.

Symptoms & Exposure

If you have any of the following, contact your healthcare team right away:

- Cough
- Fever
- New Rash
- Pink Eye

OR

If you been around someone with measles or someone who has ANY symptom of measles.



DO NOT COME TO THE CANCER CENTRE.

Call before coming to your next appointment:

519-749-4380


Guidelines Based On Your Treatment

Based on your cancer treatment, it might not be safe for you to get the MMR vaccine. Check the chart below to see if you are able to have the vaccine.

Always talk to your healthcare team before getting ANY vaccines.

Cancer Treatment	Can I Get the MMR Vaccine?
Before Cancer Treatment Starts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have already had the MMR vaccine, or are born before 1970, no vaccine is needed. If you are not vaccinated, you can have the MMR vaccine before starting treatment. Ask your Oncologist about when to get your vaccine.
If you are getting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemotherapy Targeted Therapy Immunotherapy 	During Treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT get the vaccine After Treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait until 3 months after your last treatment.
Patients with Leukemia or Lymphoma	During Treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT get the vaccine After Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait at least 6 months after finishing treatment, then discuss with your Hematologist.
Patients on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hormonal Therapy only Active Surveillance (Follow-up care to catch cancer early if it returns) 	During Treatment: You can get the MMR vaccine, if you have not been on ANY active treatment in the past 3 months

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