



MDPH Tuesday Infectious Disease Webinar Series

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Follow-Up for Contacts to Measles: 2026 Refresher

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- **DPH Updates:**
 - **6th Annual Garvey Public Health Lecture March 30, 2026**
 - **MAVEN Updates**
 - **Measles Epi Update**
 - **Updated 2024 Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Report Available!**
- **Featured Presentations: Case Investigation Basics 2026 & Measles Contacts Follow-Up Refresher**
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Did we do it, did we save the daylight

Infectious Disease Tools for LBOH Webinar Schedule!

2026 Upcoming Schedule!

All Registrations:	http://tinyurl.com/MAVEN-Webinars
2 nd Tues 3/10/26	Case Investigation Tips & Tricks
4 th Tues 3/24/26	4 th Tuesday Office Hours
2 nd Tues 4/14/26	Late Breaker Upcoming Topic
4 th Tues 4/28/26	4 th Tuesday Office Hours
2 nd Tues 5/12/26	Tuberculosis Contact Investigations
4 th Tues 5/26/26	4 th Tuesday Office Hours
2 nd Tues 6/09/26	Water & Animal Exposure Investigations for Enteric Diseases
4 th Tues 6/23/26	4 th Tuesday Office Hours

WEBINAR REGISTRATION PAGE:

<http://tinyurl.com/MAVEN-Webinars>

- You help us identify topics, needs, & content!
- Be sure to send ideas, requests, and questions to Hillary and Scott!

MAVEN Help has Guidance Documents and Previous Webinars:

<http://www.maven-help.maventrainingsite.com/toc.html>



You can always contact mavenhelp@mass.gov or The MDPH Epi Program at 617-983-6800 with specific questions.

Join us for our next Office Hours Session
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @11:00!

Updates – A quick recap for March 10, 2026

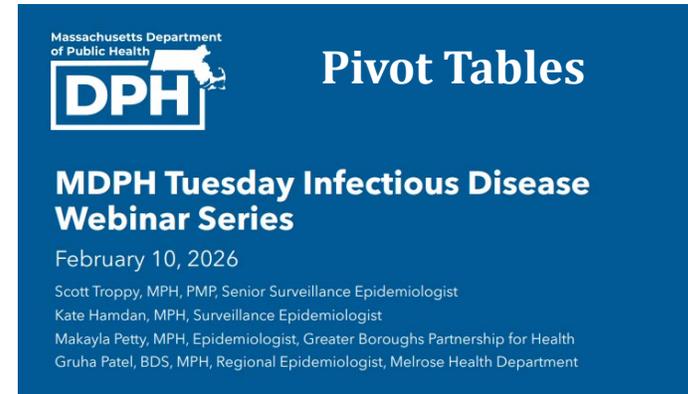
February 10, 2026:

DPH Updates:

- Measles Update
- Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) Update & Quick Tips
 - Molly Crockett, MPH, Lead Informatics Epidemiologist – eCR

Featured Presentation: Utilizing PIVOT Tables for your Local Health Data.

- **Kate Hamdan**, MPH, Surveillance Epidemiologist, MAVEN Training Team Lead, MDPH Division of Surveillance, Analytics, and Informatics
- **Makayla Petty**, MPH, Epidemiologist/Shared Service Coordinator, Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health
- **Gruha Patel**, BDS, MPH, Regional Epidemiologist, Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition



Always Remember you can see recent webinar recordings and slides in MAVEN Help.

[PDF Slides](#), [Recording](#)

Bookmark the URLs!

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<http://www.maven-help.maventrainingsite.com/toc.html>

Register for Future 2026 Webinars and Office Hours:

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World TB Day Commemorations



In honor of Dr. Thomas Q. Garvey, beloved father, husband, and son, and to celebrate his commitment to advocacy, public health, education, and TB elimination.

6th Annual Garvey Public Health Lecture

March 30, 2026

12:00 – 1:30 PM ET

Release of 2025 MA TB Data
and keynote address by Dr. Sarah Fortune:

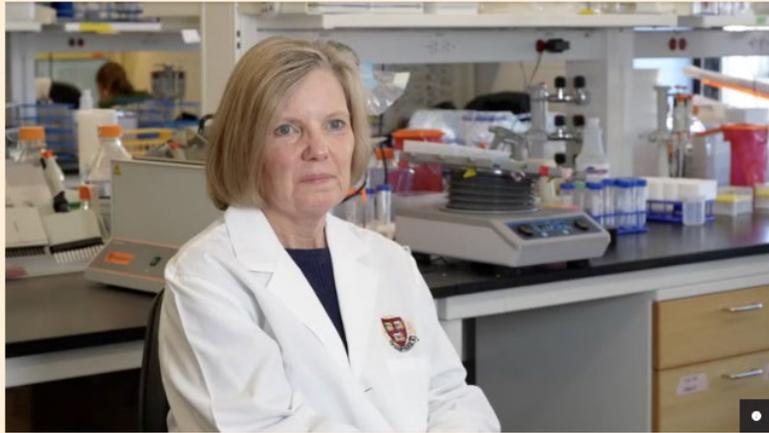
“Defying conventional wisdom: progress and challenges in the science of TB eradication”

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

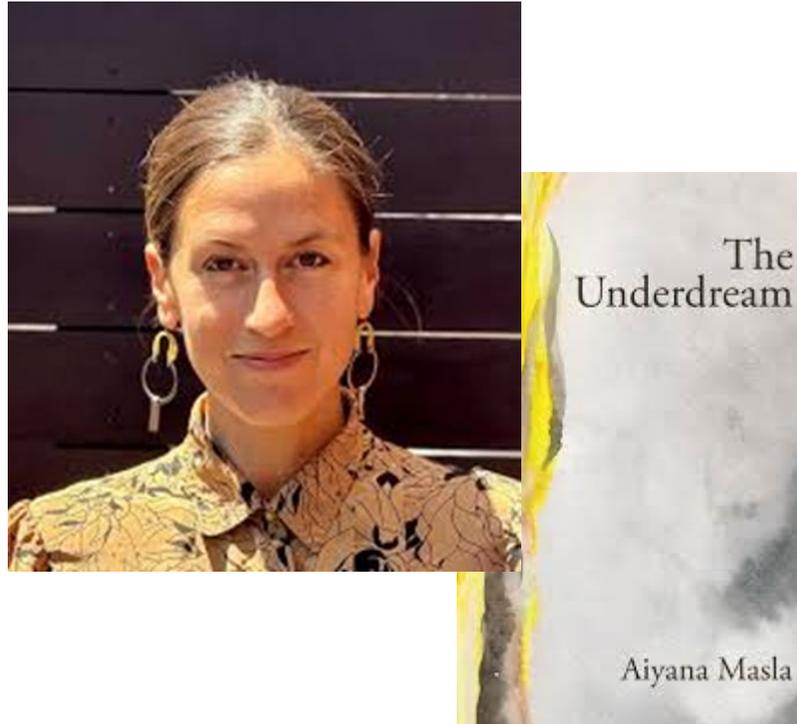
2026 Garvey Lecture – Featured Speakers

Prominent tuberculosis research program at risk of losing federal funding

By Karen Feldscher April 9, 2025



Dr. Sarah Fortune
Harvard T.H. Chan School
of Public Health



Ms. Aiyana Masla
TB Survivor, Advocate,
and Author



Dr. Tara Bouton
Boston University and
BMC TB Clinic



MAVEN UPDATES

MAVEN UPDATES: 2025 Case Closing

- Reminder to check your Immediate, Routine, Pending Case Report Form Workflows!
- **2025 Case Closing**
 - Starting first week of April, DSAI staff will complete any 2025 cases that remain in the workflows by completing steps 2-4 in the Administrative Question Package. Staff will leave a **note** in any cases where question packages are updated.

MAVEN UPDATES: 2025 Case Closing

- If no steps are filled out in the event:

Notes  

Scott Troppy [stroppy] - (Generic) 02/05/2025 10:28 AM
Completing LBOH Steps 2, 3 and 4 - clearing out incomplete 2024 cases from the LBOH CRF Pending Review workflow. No investigation attempted or completed.

- If any steps are filled out in the event:

Notes  

Scott Troppy [stroppy] - (Generic) 02/05/2025 10:31 AM
Completing LBOH Step 4 - clearing out incomplete 2024 cases from the LBOH CRF Pending Review workflow.

New Bulk Unshare Button for LBOH Shared Cases Workflows

TEST_15343_Shared Cases - Cases Shared With Me Or My Group(S) (Realtime)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Event ID	Name	City	Official City	Status	Create Date	Event	Event Date	Last Update	Team	Assigned To	Assigned To Group
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100766827	Lionel Test	Glendale	STOCKBRIDGE	Open	01/06/2020	Babesiosis	01/06/2020	10/28/2020	1		

Assign to user (Assign to me)  Assign to group

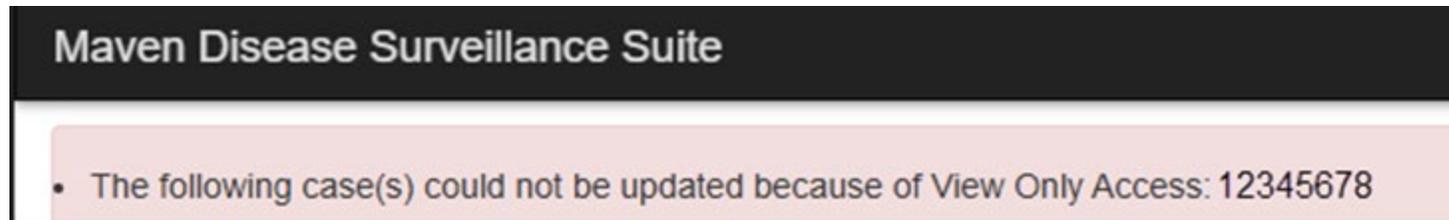
Steps:

- **To unshare specific cases:** click to highlight each of the cases in the workflow that you would like to unshare.
- **To unshare all cases in the workflow:** Select 'Event ID' at the top left to select all cases in the workflow.
- Once you have selected the cases that you would like to unshare, click 'Bulk Unshare Cases.'

New Bulk Unshare Button for LBOH Shared Cases Workflows

You may see the below flag for bulk unsharing if:

- A case was shared with a jurisdiction that you no longer can access
- Someone is currently editing the case



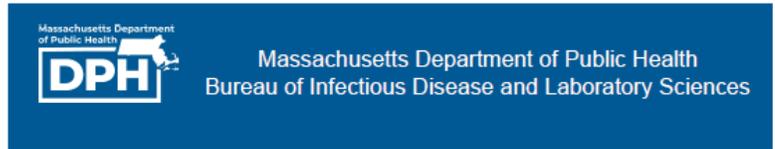
If you see this error, please email the MAVEN Helpdesk with the case IDs (mavenhelp@mass.gov) and the team will manually unshare the case(s) with you.

Viral Hepatitis Surveillance

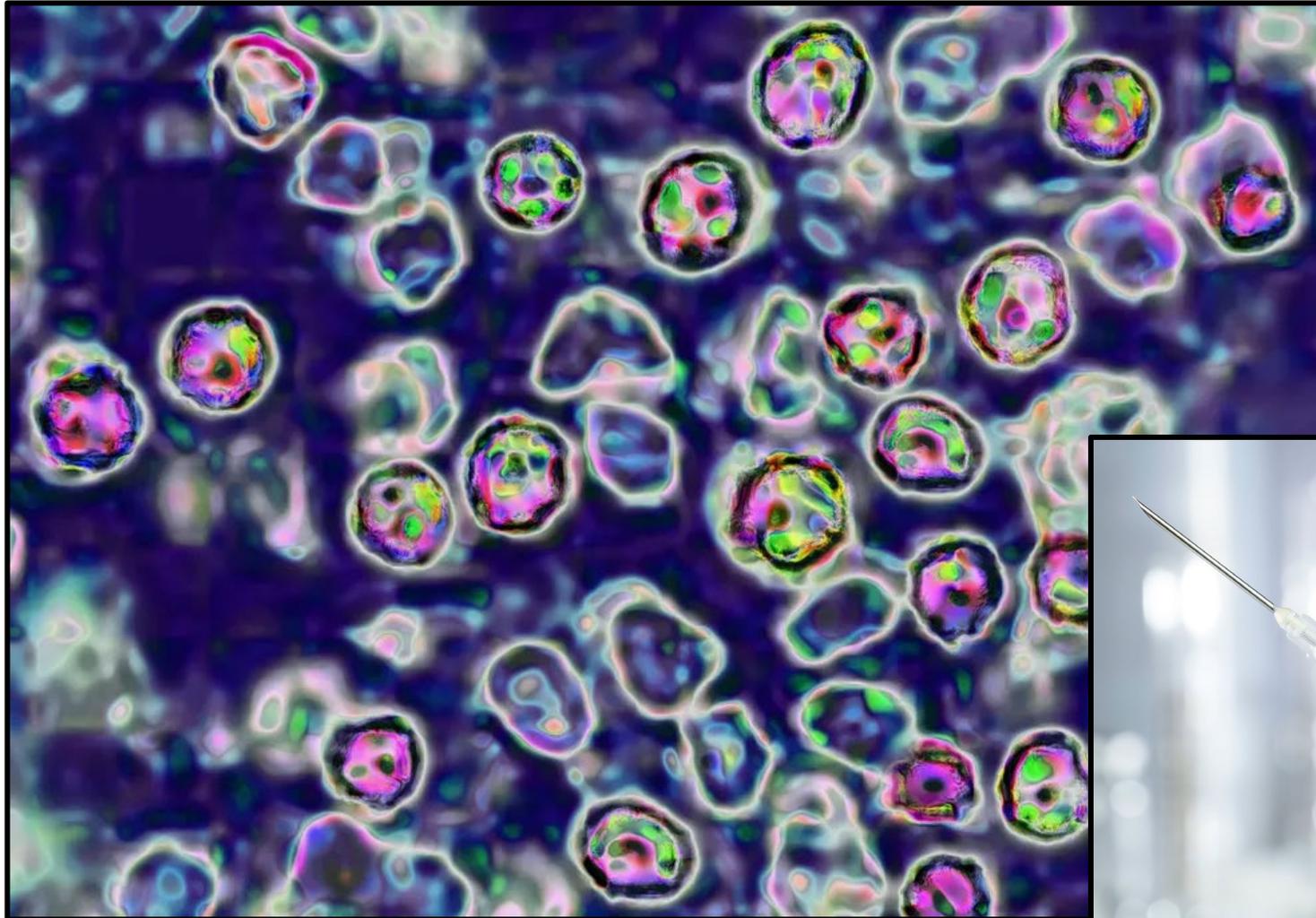
DPH Publishes Updated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Report

- **Updated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Report contains data through 2024**

- Available [online](#) and can be [downloaded directly](#)
- Includes information on reported cases of hepatitis A, B, C, and (for the first time) D
- Emphasizes the ongoing contribution of drug use and unstable housing to transmission of viral hepatitis
- Includes the hepatitis C clearance cascade, measuring population-level progress toward hepatitis C elimination
- **Thank you** for your efforts on viral hepatitis case investigations!
- Feedback is welcome – please send to: Erin.K.Mann@mass.gov

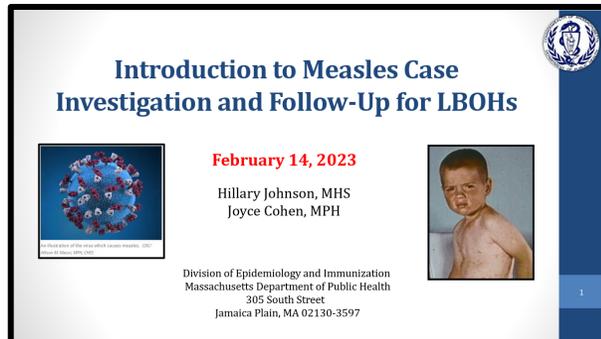


Measles Updates

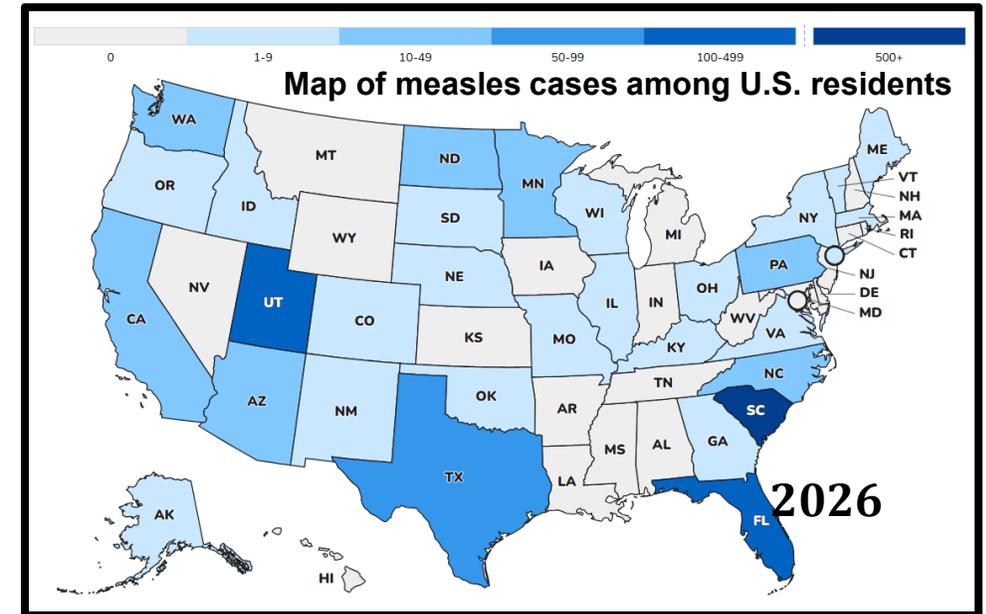
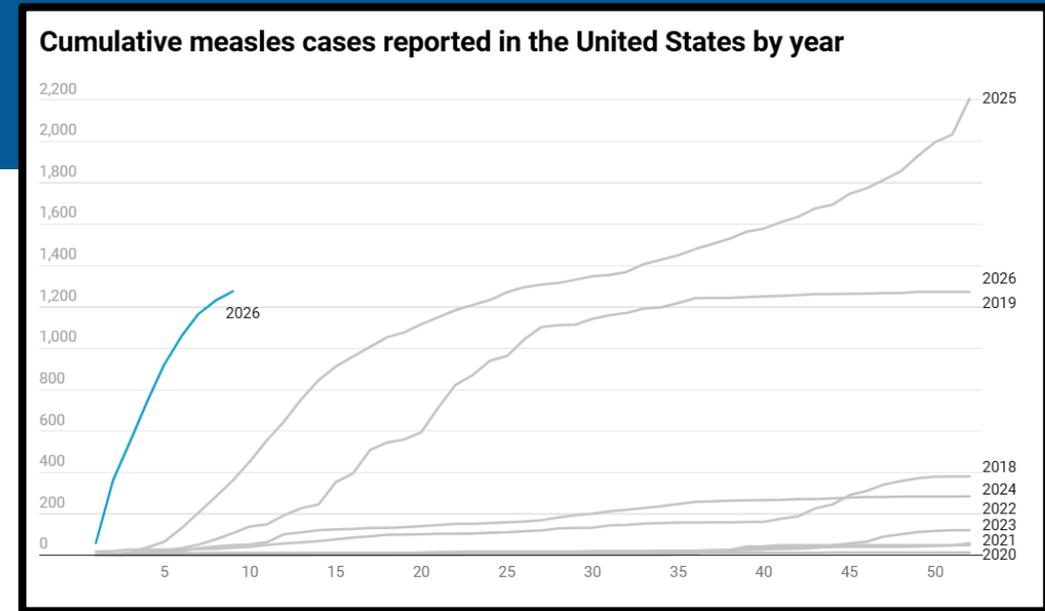


U.S. Measles Cases, 2026

- As of March 5, 2026, **1,281** confirmed measles cases were reported by 31 US jurisdictions in 2026.
 - Including **2 cases in Massachusetts**.
- There have been 12 new outbreaks (defined as 3+ related cases) reported in 2026; **89% of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated**.
- 93% of 2026 cases were unvaccinated or unknown. There have been no deaths.
- Measles training on MAVEN Help:



[Slides](#)
[Recording](#)



Data as of 3/5/2026. Sources: [CDC | Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#); [Johns Hopkins University | US Measles Tracker](#)

First Measles Cases in Massachusetts, 2026

Press Release from 2/27/2026 announces two confirmed cases of measles in Massachusetts residents:

- The first case was reported in a school-aged Massachusetts resident who was exposed and diagnosed out of state and remained out of state during the infectious period. **There are no known exposures to others in Massachusetts.**
- The second case was diagnosed in an adult who lives in Greater Boston. The individual returned from international travel and had an uncertain vaccination history. During their infectious period, the individual visited several locations where exposures to others likely occurred. **State and local public health officials worked with these locations to identify and notify those who were potentially exposed.**

Although there is no evidence of the spread of measles within Massachusetts at this time, additional cases could occur.

PRESS RELEASE

State public health officials announce first two confirmed measles cases in Massachusetts this year

Residents are reminded of the importance of MMR vaccine in preventing measles

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2/27/2026 Department of Public Health

MEDIA CONTACT
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BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed today that two cases of measles have been diagnosed in Massachusetts residents.

- The first case was reported in a school-aged Massachusetts resident who was exposed and diagnosed out of state and remains out of state during the infectious period. There are no known exposures to others in Massachusetts.
- The second case was diagnosed in an adult who lives in Greater Boston. The individual recently returned from international travel and had an uncertain vaccination history. During their infectious period, the individual visited several locations where exposures to others likely occurred. State and local public health officials are working with these locations to identify and notify those who were potentially exposed.

These two cases of measles in Massachusetts have occurred in the context of a large national outbreak of measles and a very large international outbreak. Although there is no evidence of the spread of measles within Massachusetts at this time, additional cases could occur. [View a 10-year table of vaccine-preventable disease reports in Massachusetts.](#)

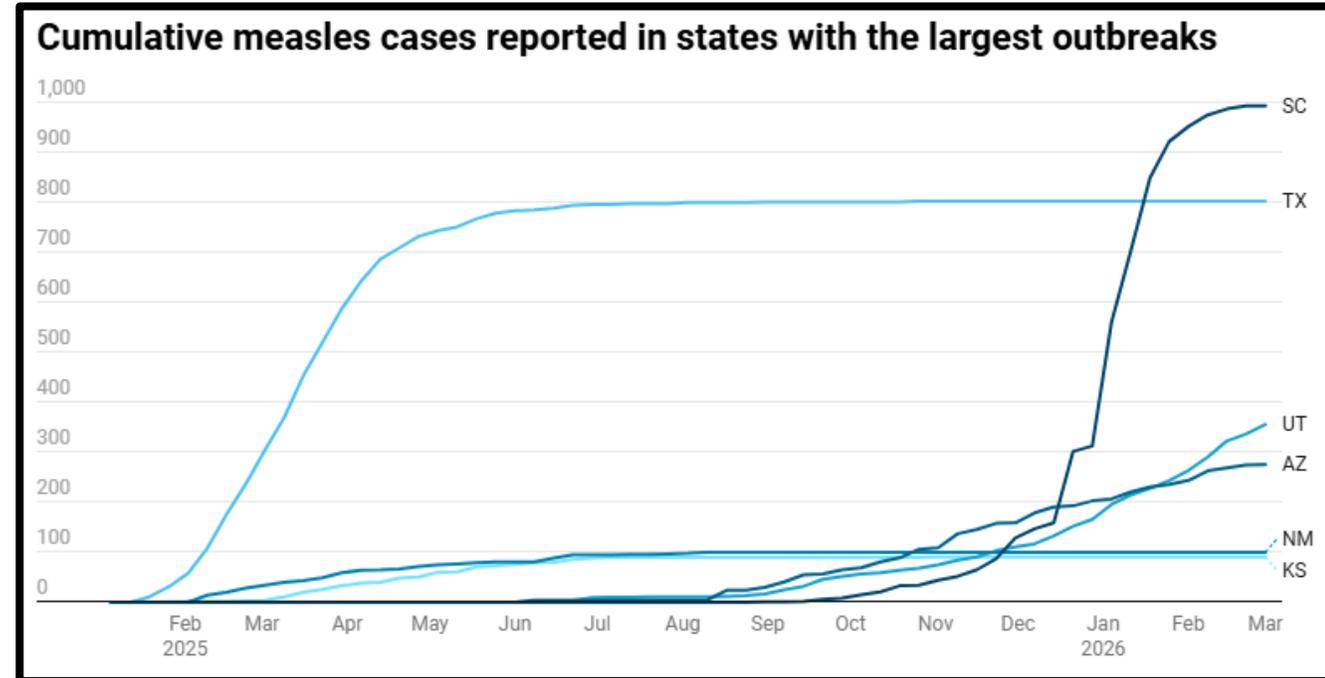
"Our first two measles cases in 2026 demonstrate the impact that the measles outbreaks, nationally and internationally, can have here at home. Fortunately, thanks to high vaccination rates, the risk to most Massachusetts residents remains low," said **Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD.** "Measles is the most contagious respiratory virus and can cause life-threatening illness. These cases are a reminder of the need for health care providers and local health departments to remain vigilant for cases so that appropriate public health measures can be rapidly employed to prevent spread in the state. This is also a reminder that getting vaccinated is the best way for people to protect themselves from this disease."

Early symptoms of measles occur 10 days to 2 weeks after exposure and may resemble a cold (cough, runny nose, and red eyes), usually with fever. A rash occurs 2-4 days after the initial symptoms develop. The rash usually appears first on the head and then moves downward. The rash typically lasts a few days and then disappears in the same order. People with measles may be contagious up to four days before the rash appears and four days after the day the rash appears. Measles is a potentially serious illness, with complications occurring in approximately 30 percent of infected individuals, including immune suppression, pneumonia, diarrhea, and

[Mass.gov | First Two Measles Cases 2026 Press Release](#)

Measles Update

- Measles is an ongoing risk around the world.
 - CDC recommends that all travelers be fully vaccinated against measles before traveling to **any** international destination.
- **Elimination status in US:** Currently under threat and being reviewed.
- **Domestic Outbreaks of Interest:**
 - Arizona
 - Utah
 - South Carolina
 - Florida



Data as of 3/5/2026. Source: [Johns Hopkins University | US Measles Tracker](#)

