Measles

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Measles Symptoms

- "Incubation" period: ~14 days
- Prodrome: fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis
- Rash starts on face or at hairline, spreads to trunk, arms, legs
- "Contagious" period: 4 days before to 4 days after rash onset



Virtually everyone got measles before a vaccine was developed.

- Nearly universal disease of childhood:
 3–4 million cases
- ~500,000 reports to CDC
- 48,000 hospitalizations
- 4,000 cases encephalitis
- 450–500 deaths



Not all cases of measles are benign.*

Hospitalization 1 out of 4

Ear infection 1 out of 10

Pneumonia 1 out of 20

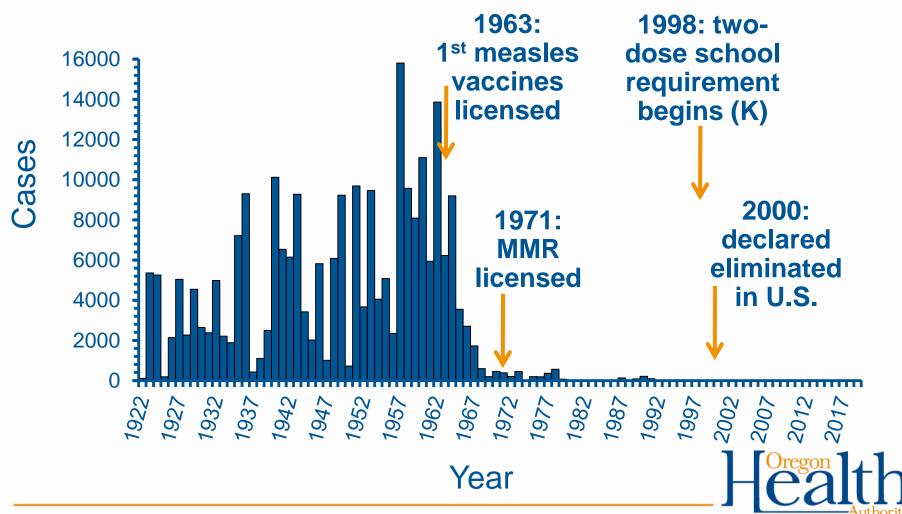
Encephalitis 1 per 1,000

Death 1–2 per 1,000

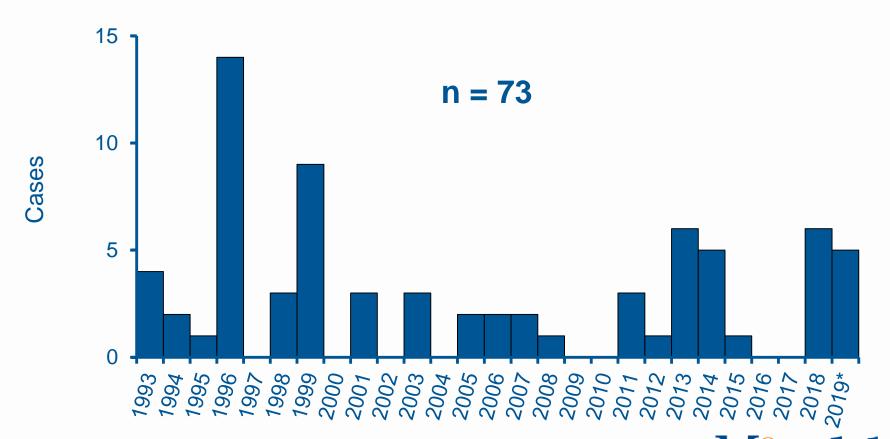


^{*}Complications more common in children <5 and adults >20 years old.

Control of measles has been a public health victory.



Oregon has had an average of <3 measles cases per year since 1993.



Vaccination is the key to controlling measles.

- 1. Maintain high population vaccination rates
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- 4. Identify, test, isolate cases
- 5. Investigate to identify exposed, susceptible contacts
 - a. Immunize
 - b. Exclude school children, healthcare workers

Measles: 2019 Time line

- 4 Jan: Clark County announces confirmed case
- 15 Jan: Clark County announces 2 more confirmed, 11 suspect cases
- 18 Jan: Clark County declares local public health emergency
- 25 Jan: Governor Inslee declares state of emergency; OHA announces 1 confirmed case
- 30 Jan: OSPHL confirms Multnomah County case; OHA activates incident management team



55 cases in the current outbreak.

County	Cases
Clark	50
King	1
Multnomah	4

All but 1 case unvaccinated or no documentation of vaccination

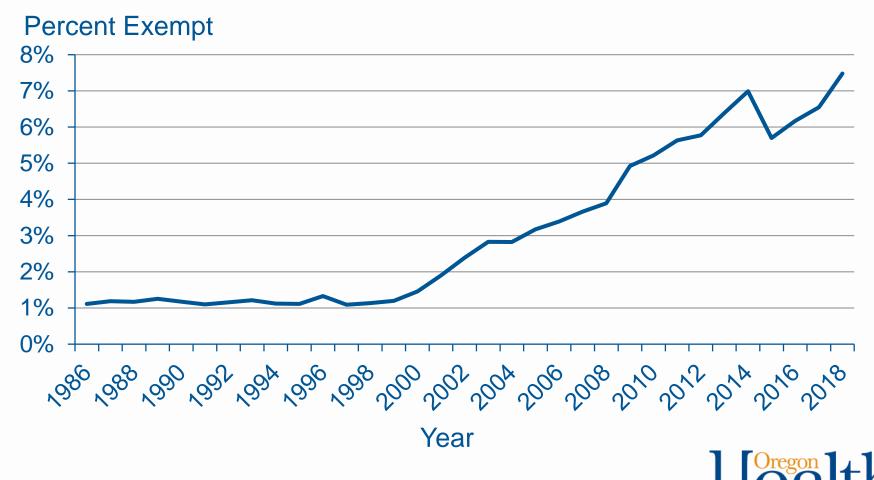
"Herd immunity" depends upon how contagious the disease is.

Infection	R_0	Crude Herd Immunity Threshold			
Diphtheria	6–7	83%–85%			
Influenza	1.4–4	30%–75%			
Measles	12–18	92%–94%			
Mumps	4–7	75%–86%			
Pertussis	5–17	80%-94%			
Polio	2–20	50%-95%			
Rubella	6–7	83%-85%			
Smallpox	5–7	80%-85%			
Varicella	8–10?	? 1 Oregon 1			

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Exemptions to vaccination requirements hit 7.5% among kindergartners in 2018.

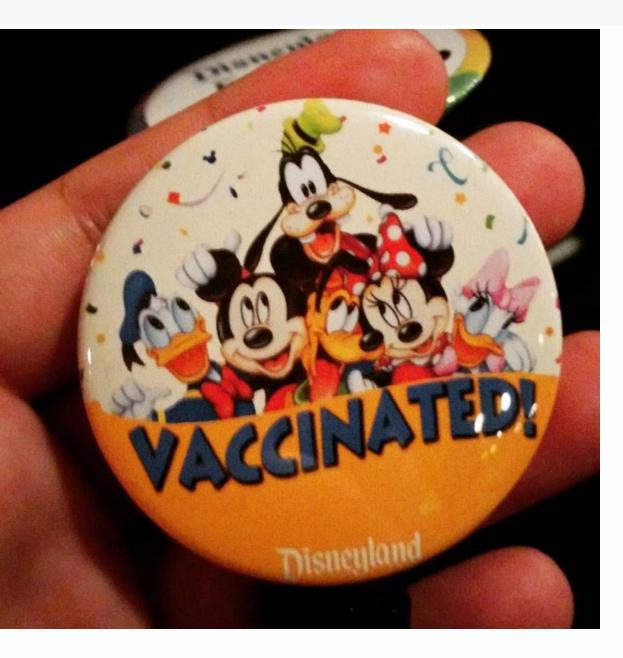


Overall, 96% of K – 12 students are vaccinated against measles.

- First dose coverage >95% for children attending preschool or certified daycare
- 2nd dose coverage >95% for kindergarteners
- 2nd dose coverage >97% for 7th graders







Questions ?

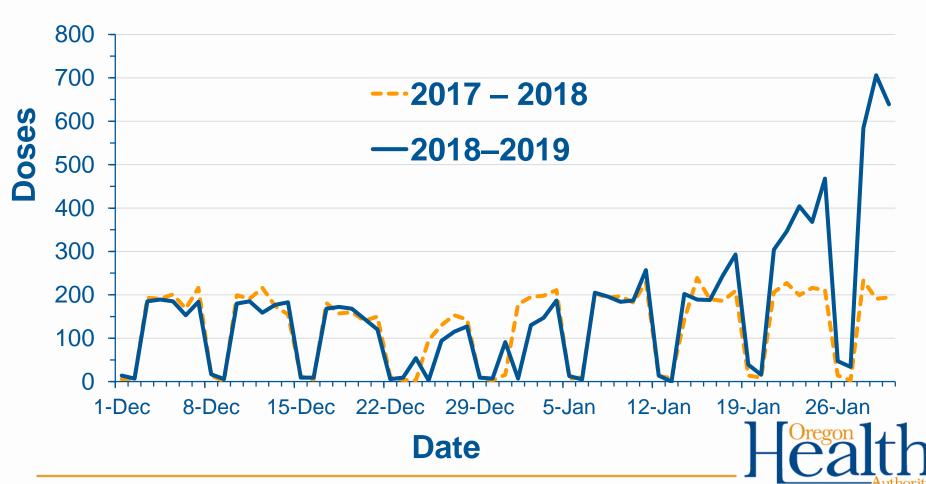


Oregon public health response to measles

- Activated Incident Management Team
- Coordinate with out-of-state colleagues and Oregon local public health authorities
- Guidance re: case investigation, contact followup, testing, isolation.
- Recommendations to providers
- Communication materials for public, including translations
- Testing at Oregon State Public Health Lab



Measles Immunizations Oregon, December – January 2017 – 2018 vs. 2018 – 2019



Source: ALERT Immunization Information System

Exclusion Summary, 2018

Children covered by law: 692,004

Exclusion orders: 24,725 (3.6%)

Children excluded: 4,349 (0.6%)



(Reportable) Vaccine-preventable diseases Oregon, 2012–2018*

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	28	14	26	15	20	23
Hep B, acute	34	34	28	21	24	20
Hep B, chronic	455	537	515	481	489	388
Measles	6	5	1	0	0	6
Mumps	3	1	3	27	67	17
Pertussis	486	406	593	192	248	495
Rubella	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	1	0	1	0	2	1

