

# US Measles Cases Continue to Climb Toward Record High

So far this year, 465 infections have been reported, with numbers approaching their highest since measles returned to the country.

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**A**s of last week (April 4), 465 cases of measles have been [reported](#) to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with 78 cases added in the past few days alone.

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This year's numbers—just a few months' worth—are already a couple hundred shy of the record 667 measles cases reported in all of 2014. The record was set as the highest number of infections recorded since US health officials announced they had eradicated measles in 2000. The rate of infection is 4.84 cases per day, and if that rate of transmission continues, the number of cases this year will surpass the 2014 record high by June, according [The Washington Post](#).

The CDC numbers are “more bad news,” Peter Hotez, an infectious-disease expert at the Baylor College of Medicine, says in a Twitter post, *The Post* reports. “A totally unnecessary and self inflicted wound, and a direct consequence of an aggressive antivax misinformation campaign.”

Most of the cases are in New York City and among children, specifically those who haven't been vaccinated against the measles virus. Government officials have tried to prevent the spread of the disease by banning unimmunized students from attending public school. The authorization has hit legal snags, but, according to *The Post*, New York City's Health Department yesterday (April 8) again urged yeshivas—Jewish educational institutions—in a section of Brooklyn to turn away unvaccinated children from school and day care.

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And today (April 9), New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that in certain zip codes in