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To: Medical Providers, Registered Nurses, Medical Assistants, Medical Practice Managers, Medical Reception Staff, Call Center, and Security

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Subject: Measles Scheduling, Testing and Transportation.

This memo is to remind and inform employees of the process for addressing patients suspected of infection with Measles.

Call Center: Patients calling with rash or fever require an urgent task to Triage RN's.

Triage RN: Provide triage. If an appt. is needed, coordinate with staff the masking and rooming upon arrival.

Reception Staff (walk-in or primary): Patients arriving with rash and fever need to be masked, and roomed immediately, with provider notification to follow.

Medical Providers: Wearing a PAPR or N-95, follow guidelines provide in link below:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/5100/420-063-Guideline-Measles.pdf>

- If testing is required, contact Snohomish Health Department Communicable Disease at **425-339-3503**. They will fax over the form that needs to be completed for processing at the State lab.
 - Advised not to keep copies of the form. A call and new form are required each time.
- Specimen collection: Use viral transport media shown below:



(Note: specimens may be stored in refrigerator but must be received at the State lab within 72 hours of collection.)

Medical Assistants: Refer to the [Measles Shipping Guide](#) link, contained on the first page of the document link:

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Call Ext. **3437** for our security team to transport the specimen to the State lab. Specimen to be refrigerated until pick up, then paced in a biohazard bag and sent on frozen ice pack.



Security: Transport specimen to State lab at **1610 NE 150th street Shoreline** M-F 8-5; Sat. 8-12, Sun, or late arrival contact Snohomish Health Department at **425-339-3503** to coordinate with State lab.

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