



## Measles Testing Information for Healthcare Professionals

Measles testing is available through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories (IBL). The following is important information about testing.

1. Contact South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) immediately if a suspect case of measles is identified. During business hours, please call Tanis Maxwell at (208) 737-5971 or Logan Hudson at (208) 737-5929. After business hours, please contact Idaho State Communications at 800-632-8000. Ask that a person from SCPHD be paged.
2. Serum antibody as well as RT-PCR virus testing is available. For IgG and IgM serology, at least .5cc of serum is required. For RT-PCR testing, throat, nasal or nasal pharyngeal samples may be submitted in universal transport medium. Samples should be submitted on ice. The following is a link to more information about measles virus isolation: <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/rt-pcr.html> The following is a link to more information about serology testing: <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/serology.html>
3. The following is a link to the laboratory submission form. Include this form with all samples. [http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Labs/Clinical\\_Test\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Labs/Clinical_Test_Request_Form.pdf)
4. Allow at least 48 hours for results. **If measles is highly suspect, do not wait for test results before reporting a possible case.**