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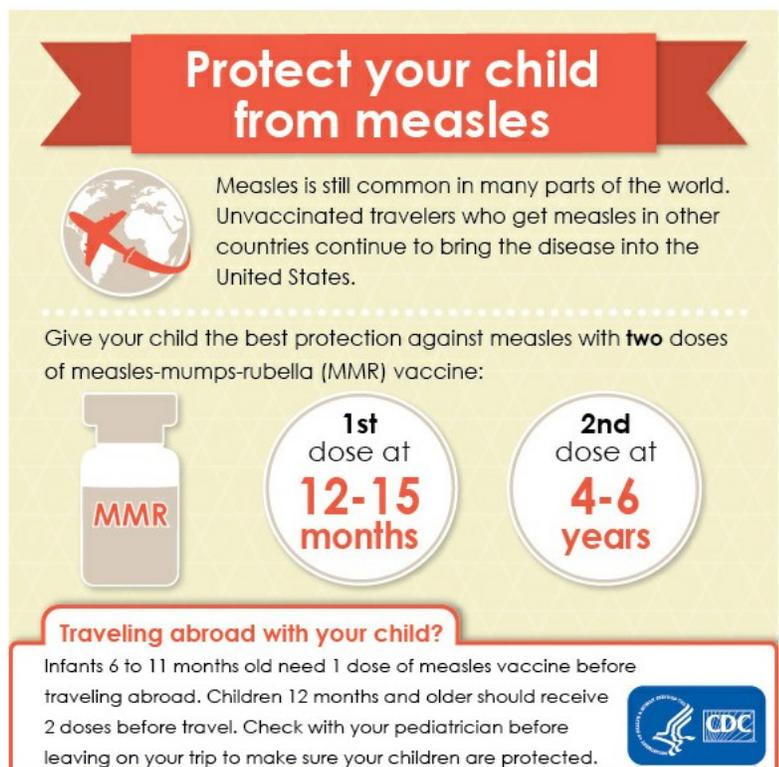
Update from CDC on Nationwide Measles Outbreaks and Tips for VFC Providers

Summary of Measles Activity

As of April 26, 2019, CDC reported 704 cases of measles in the United States since the beginning of 2019, representing the largest number of cases reported in the country in a single year since measles was declared eliminated in 2000. The median age of the patients reported was 5 years; about 1 out of every 4 cases was a child between 16 months and 4 years old. Forty-four of the cases were the result of an international traveler (usually a U.S. resident) becoming infected in another country and returning to the United States. **The top three countries where U.S. travelers became infected with measles so far in 2019 include the Philippines, Ukraine, and Israel.**

Vaccination recommendations may change over time depending on local activity. **Current vaccination efforts in Chicago should focus on:**

- Routine, on-time vaccination of children.
- Vaccination of 6-11 month-old infants travelling to international or domestic locations where measles outbreaks are occurring (<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>).
- Vaccination of high-risk adults such as students in post-secondary education, health care workers, and travelers to international or domestic locations where measles outbreaks are occurring. **There is no recommendation for an adult catch-up program for persons born before 1989.**
- If adults are travelling, those with documentation of one dose of MMR vaccine should get a second dose. Adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should get two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days.



Protect your child from measles

Measles is still common in many parts of the world. Unvaccinated travelers who get measles in other countries continue to bring the disease into the United States.

Give your child the best protection against measles with **two** doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine:

- 1st dose at **12-15 months**
- 2nd dose at **4-6 years**

Traveling abroad with your child?

Infants 6 to 11 months old need 1 dose of measles vaccine before traveling abroad. Children 12 months and older should receive 2 doses before travel. Check with your pediatrician before leaving on your trip to make sure your children are protected.



