

March 26, 2025

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the recent outbreak of measles in our area. While no cases have been identified in the Springlake-Earth ISD community to date, we have been informed that a lab confirmed case of the measles has been reported in Lamb County.

We encourage you to continue precautions by enhancing existing hygiene practices (hand-washing, covering coughs/sneezes, avoiding shared food or beverages) and closely monitoring your child for symptoms of measles. Per the Texas Department of State Health Services, "a typical case of measles begins with mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and sore throat. Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots (Koplik's spots) may appear inside the mouth. Three to five days after the start of symptoms, a red or reddish-brown rash appears. The rash usually begins on a person's face at the hairline and spreads downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet. When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit."

If you suspect that your child has measles, or if your child has a confirmed case of measles, please contact the Lubbock Health Department immediately. It is important to isolate the infected individual and seek medical attention.

If a case of measles is identified here at school, your child will be excluded from attendance for 21 days after exposure if they have NOT been vaccinated, or until they are fully vaccinated, per Texas Administrative Code. Please note, the Texas Department of State Health Services also has the authority to exclude an unvaccinated student from school in the event of an outbreak in the community. For more information about exclusion, see Texas Administrative Code TAC 97.7.

As always, our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Thank you for your partnership in maintaining a healthy learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact your healthcare provider or our school nurse.

Sincerely,

Denver Crum, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Springlake-Earth ISD