Weekly Measles Case Update, British Columbia - July 24, 2025

Immunization Programs and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Service, BCCDC

The <u>BCCDC measles webpage</u> is updated twice-weekly (Mon/Thurs) with information on measles cases reported in BC.

For updates on known measles exposure locations in BC and an exposure risk assessment tool, please visit the <u>Measles</u> Exposures and Self-Assessment Tool.

Data may change as case information is reported to and updated in Panorama. The information included in this report is as of Panorama at 7:00AM on July 24, 2025.

Note: These case counts only capture a subset of actual cases as some people may not be presenting for diagnosis and health care support.

Table 1. Number of measles cases reported in BC in 2025, by regional health authority (RHA) and active status

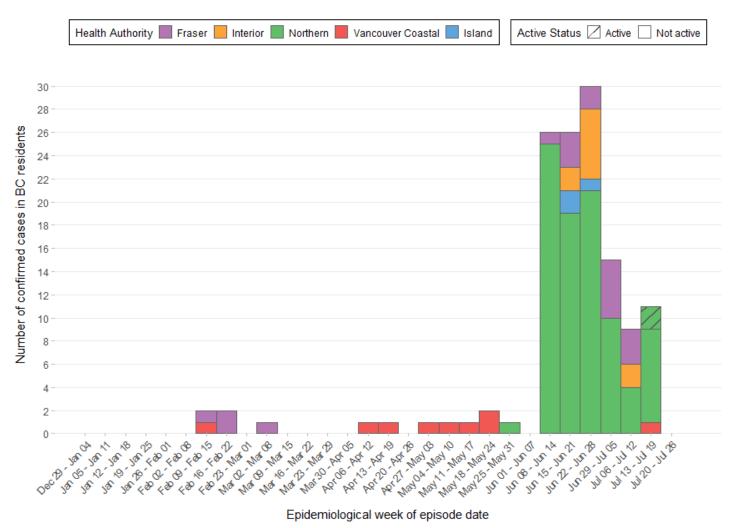
Health Authority	Currently active* cases (% of Total cases)	Confirmed	Probable	Total cases
Fraser	0 (0%)	18	0	18
Interior	0 (0%)	10	0	10
Northern	2 (2%)	90	16	106
Vancouver Coastal	0 (0%)	9	0	9
Island	0 (0%)	3	0	3
Total	2 (1%)	130	16	146

Data were extracted on July 24, 2025, and include all confirmed measles cases (both lab-confirmed cases and cases epidemiologically linked to a lab-confirmed case) and probable measles cases (clinical illness without lab confirmation or epidemiological link to a lab-confirmed case, but with recent travel to an area of known measles activity) reported to Panorama on or before July 23, 2025. Full measles case definitions can be found on the BCCDC website



^{*}For reporting purposes, measles cases are considered to be active/communicable for 4 days after rash onset, or 10 days after symptom onset (if no rash present), or 10 days after case report if no information on symptoms available at the time of reporting.

Figure 1. Epidemiological curve of confirmed measles cases reported in BC in 2025, by RHA and active status



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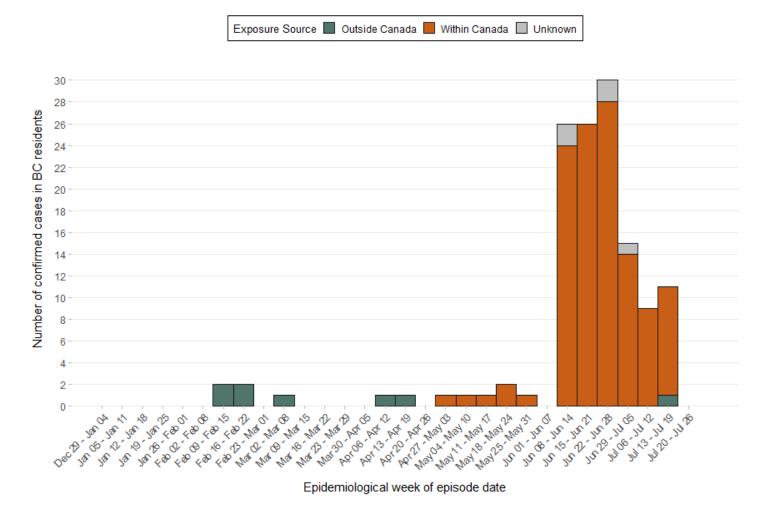
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An episode date is the earliest of symptom onset date, laboratory specimen collection or test result date, or date of death.



Figure 2. Epidemiological curve of confirmed measles cases reported in BC in 2025, by exposure source



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Table 2. Confirmed measles cases reported in BC in 2025, by age group, exposure source, immunization status, and hospitalization status

	Category	Number (%) of confirmed measles cases
Age group (Years)	<1	7 (5%)
	1 to 4	21 (16%)
	5 to 17	60 (46%)
	18 to 54	42 (32%)
	55+	0 (0%)
Exposure source ¹	Outside Canada	8 (6%)
	Within Canada	117 (90%)
	Unknown	5 (4%)
Immunization status prior to case onset ²	Received 2 or more valid doses	4 (3%)
	Received 1 valid dose	7 (5%)
	Unimmunized	113 (87%)
	Unknown	6 (5%)
Hospitalization at time of case report	Hospitalized	11 (8%)
	Not Hospitalized	117 (90%)
	Unknown	2 (2%)
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The vast majority of people with measles are unimmunized or have unknown immunization status. For people who are considered immunized and do acquire measles, their disease is usually significantly milder than in people who are unimmunized.

For BC's routine immunization schedule, please see here.

To date, no measles-associated deaths have been reported in BC in 2025.



¹ Exposure source definitions:

² Immunization status prior to case onset includes valid measles-containing vaccine doses (i.e., administered on or after 12 months of age and with a minimum interval of 28 days between subsequent doses) administered at least two weeks prior to symptom onset. At the reporting clinician's discretion, the reporting of measles immunization status prior to onset may include undocumented doses (e.g., verbal report).