

What if a relative doesn't have the measles vaccine?



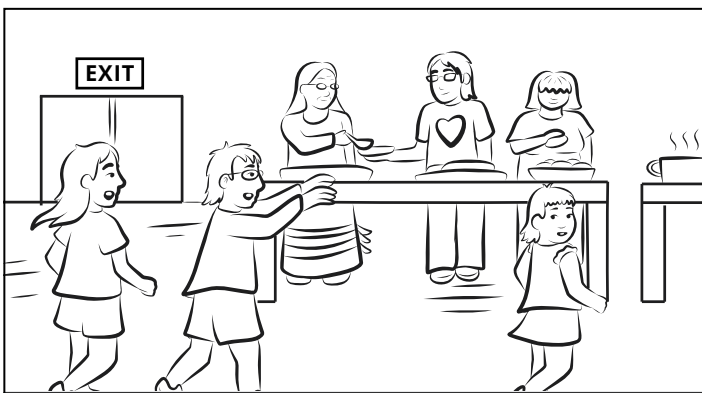
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"We saw everyone at the big family gathering last week, so think you need to know. He was contagious while we were there."



"He's okay now. If his symptoms get worse, we'll call **8-1-1** for advice. But we saw so many people from your community, we don't know who might get measles if they're not vaccinated."



"The public health nurse said you should call to get advice on what to do now that you've all been exposed."



"Depending on your situation, you might be asked to isolate for up to 21 days, or you may be offered a vaccine or an immune globulin."



"It's a treatment to fight infections. It can provide protection if given within 6 days of an exposure. But it's not for everyone."

Only certain people may qualify to get immune globulin:



If pregnant and unvaccinated



If under 12 months old



If they have weakened immune systems

"The public health nurse will let you know if you qualify for immune globulin. The best protection is still getting 2 doses of the measles vaccine for those who can."

For more measles info, see page for phone numbers and websites.

For more info, visit www.bccdc.ca

Questions? Call Healthlink BC at **8-1-1**