# Could this patient have measles?

## Measles triage for Emergency Departments and GPs

Patient born after 1965?

Fever + rash?

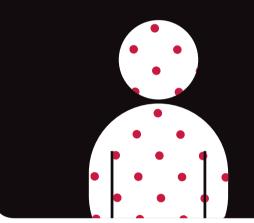
OR

Fever + red eyes, cough or runny nose?

# Suspect measles

#### More likely in:

- returned traveller
- contact of a case
- unimmunised.



# **Triage/Reception**

- **1.** Give the patient a **surgical mask** to wear.
- 2. Isolate in a single room preferably negative pressure, or any available space with a closed door.

### **Actions**

- **1.** Immediately phone your local public health unit for any **suspected case** (business hours). After hours and weekends, please phone 1800 434 122.
- **2.** If in a hospital, notify the Infection Control Team.
- 3. Collect:
  - a. Throat swab for PCR, AND
  - b. Urine for PCR, AND
  - **c.** Blood *if possible*, for serology.

Mark request as urgent and immediately send to PathWest at QEII.

**4.** Discharge as soon as medically appropriate and advise to stay isolated at home while awaiting results.

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