

**Blessing Hospital
Measles Policy
Information Sheet**

The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that employees with direct patient contact provide to their employer documentation of two live measles vaccinations (or one vaccination if born prior to 1957) or physician diagnosed measles or laboratory evidence of immunity. Acceptable documentation includes public health records, school records, medical records or physician documentation.

Measles is the most serious of the common childhood diseases. Usually, it causes a rash, high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes lasting 1 to 2 weeks. Complications include ear infection or pneumonia in about 10 percent of the patients. Approximately one out of every one thousand, who have measles, develop encephalitis, which can lead to convulsions, deafness, or mental retardation. There is about 2 deaths for every 10,000 cases of measles. Measles can also cause a pregnant woman to miscarry or go into labor prematurely.

The Adams County Health Department will vaccinate health care workers who are residents or are employed in Adams County. There is a \$7.00 charge. The health department uses the MMR (Measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. They are located on the northeast corner of 6th and Broadway.

Employees who do not provide appropriate documentation of immunity for medical or personal reasons will be required to sign a waiver. Any employee who does not have proof of immunity or immunization will be excluded from work from day 5 to 21 after exposure to measles or during an outbreak.

**BLESSING HOSPITAL
EMPLOYEE HEALTH
MEASLES POLICY WAIVER**

I have been advised of the policy on measles immunization/immunity and have read the information sheet. I am aware that measles can cause serious complications including death.

I release Blessing Corporate Services Hospital from responsibility for ill effects which may result from my failure to comply with the policy.

I am aware if I am exposed to measles and have not provided proof of the immunity, I will not be able to work from the 10th through the 21st day after exposure or during an outbreak.

Student Signature

Student of Signature

Date