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## MMR VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF LOCAL OUTBREAK

### BACKGROUND

Texas Department of State Health Services' March 6, 2025 Measles Outbreak Case Definition describes the outbreak of measles centered in the South Plains region of West Texas, defining the outbreak area as currently limited to six counties: Dawson, Gaines, Lynn, Martin, Terry, and Yoakum. The case definition outlines immunization recommendations for that area, including considering an early dose of MMR vaccine for infants ages 6 to 11 months and a second dose for adults who have received only one.

### KEY DETAILS

Texas Medicaid coverage of routine vaccines for measles follows FDA approval and mirrors ACIP recommendations, which recommend MMR vaccination for children 12 months of age and up. ACIP guidelines during a measles outbreak recommend that "infants aged 6–11 months should receive a single dose of MMR. For measles postexposure prophylaxis in unvaccinated persons, 1 dose of MMR should be administered within 72 hours of exposure to a person with infectious measles, and the 2-dose series (i.e., the second of 2 MMR doses) should be completed  $\geq 28$  days later." EPSDT requires all states to provide all medically necessary treatment for correction or amelioration of physical or mental illnesses and conditions to eligible clients birth through 20 years of age when federal financial participation is available, even if the services are not covered under the Medicaid state plan. Early administration of the MMR vaccination may be covered under the EPSDT benefit when medically necessary due to the current measles outbreak in the state.

Services required by EPSDT, including Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program services, are not considered Case-by-case Services or Value-added Services.