

Southwestern Public Health Measles Outbreak Report

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This report describes cases of measles in people who lived in the Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) region at the time of their illness, including the City of St. Thomas, Elgin County or Oxford County. The number of cases reported to SWPH is an underestimate of the true number of measles cases within the region. Not everyone with measles may seek testing or medical care. The information presented below represents one point in time and may change as case investigations progress or data cleaning occurs to improve data quality.

Measles is circulating across many regions within and outside of Ontario. If you think you've been exposed to measles, you can complete this <u>risk assessment tool</u> for guidance on next steps.

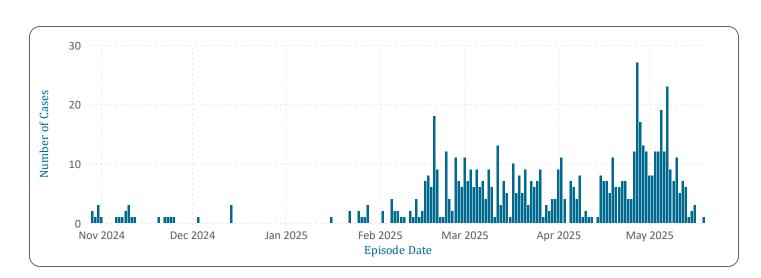
Case Counts

Total number of cases in the SWPH region from Oct 30, 2024 - May 22, 2025

691

Change in case count since May 15, 2025

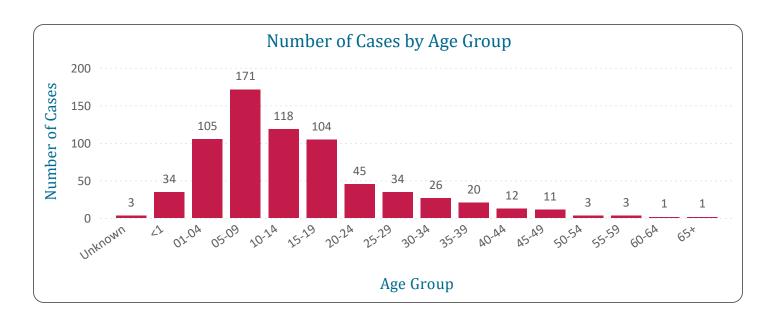
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Age of Cases

Proportion of cases that are 18 years of age or younger:

74.8%



Severity of Illness

Proportion of cases that were admitted to the hospital during their illness:

6.4%

Immunization Status of Cases

Unimmunized

Partially immunized (1 dose)

Fully immunized (2 or more doses)

Unknown/No proof of immunization

88.7%

2.9%

3.9%

4.5%

A provincial summary of measles cases produced by Public Health Ontario (PHO) can be found here: Measles in Ontario

Note that PHO follows a different reporting schedule than SWPH. SWPH extracts data weekly on Thursdays for the local measles report and PHO was extracting data weekly on Wednesdays for their provincial measles summary. Beginning the week of April 28th, PHO began extracting data on Tuesdays. For this reason, data presented in the local report will differ from data presented in the provincial report.