
Measles Cases Detected in Refugee Accommodation Center in Chisinau

Updates

Measles

- Measles is a highly contagious, serious airborne disease caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications and death.
- Measles can affect anyone but is most common in children.
- Measles infects the respiratory tract and then spreads throughout the body. Symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose and a rash all over the body.
- Being vaccinated is the best way to prevent getting sick with measles or spreading it to other people.
- The vaccine is safe and helps your body fight off the virus.
- The vaccination is made for free at the ages of 12 months, 6-7 and 15-16 years.



Measles Cases Detected in RAC T6

First, suspected case: 2nd of April

As of 27 of March:

- # of Measles cases :
 - # of confirmed cases: **12***
 - # of suspicious cases: **4**
 - # of disproved cases: **5** (1 negative and 4 confirmed other diagnosis)
- # of individuals **hospitalised** : **4** at *Municipal Clinical Hospital for Children's Contagious Diseases*.
- # of individuals **in outpatient care** : **12**
- # of individuals **residing in RAC T6**: **approx. 150** out of which **approx. 60** children
- **Demographic characteristics of patients:**
 - Age: 2-41 y.o.
 - Measles Vaccine: Unknown
 - Nationality: Roma, Ukraine
- **Authorities involved:**
 - Ministry of Health
 - National Agency for Public Health (NAPH)
 - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection



Measures Taken by Health Authorities

- Isolation of suspect and confirmed cases in health facilities;
- Quarantine established in RAC
- 21 days starting from last suspected case registered
- Isolation of RAC, ensured by the security services of the General Carabinieri Inspectorate 24/24;
- Contact tracing in the RAC;
- Establishing the immune status of refugees in the RAC;
- Informing residents about the anti-epidemic measures required to be taken in the outbreak (room ventilations, room cleaning 2-3 times a day);
- Informing national and district health authorities regarding the registration of the registered cases of measles;
- Specialists from National Agency for Public Health come to the RAC every 2-3 days.
- A nurse from the Center Territorial Medical Association is present in the RAC during working hours. Surveillance is done with active contact monitoring.
- RAC additionally received: soap, shampoo, sanitary napkins and disinfectants.
- At all visits, both the center's employees and the beneficiaries were trained and urged to respect the hygiene rules. And medical workers have been urged to wear personal protective equipment.
- INTERSOS Medical Team has received an official request from the RAC to provide assistance with medication (not only related to measles). INTERSOS will provide the necessary medication as requested.
- Communication: official update information on NAPH website:
 - <https://ansp.md/informatii-actualizate-privind-focarul-de-rujeola-inregistrat-intr-un-centru-de-plasament-temporar-pentru-refugiati-din-chisinau/>

Action Points

- **Partners to complete an online document with activities and plans they wish to undertake in response to the measles outbreak, to better coordinate activities and help health authorities know whom to contact if they require support.**
- **Meeting is planned with MoH, MoLSP, MoIA, IGM, NAPH, WHO, UN Agencies, Health Partners to agree on a common plan of action.**
- **Awareness and Communication to increase measles vaccination.**
- **Vaccination campaign in RACs against measles and polio.**
- **WHO to inform regularly on the outbreak updates.**

Health benefit Package 2024 for beneficiaries of Temporary Protection

Health benefit Package 2024

- *Government Decision No. 21 of 18.01.2023 on the provision of temporary protection to persons displaced from Ukraine (amended by Decision No. 141 of 28.02.24).*
- *Order of the Ministry of Health No. 143 of 28.02.23 on medical services provided to persons benefiting from temporary protection (amended by Order of the Ministry of Health No. 222 of 01.03.24).*

Starting with March 2024:

- **Emergency pre-hospital medical assistance** - is provided at the request of the patient, other individuals or at the request of the medical workers. The assistance is continuously ensured at the scene of the accident or illness, during transportation and until the patient is transferred to a medical institution. In the event of an emergency, call 112.
- **Primary health care** - the whole set of medical services that includes services of prophylaxis, vaccination, consultancy with a curative purpose and support, provided by the family doctor and its team, including antenatal and postnatal care of the mother and the newborn
- **Hospital medical assistance** - is offered in the case of medical surgical emergencies,
- **Emergency dental care**
- **Outpatient Specialized care**
- **Compensated drugs and medical products:**
- **Oncology medical services, including diagnosis and treatment**
- **Outpatient and inpatient dialysis services**
- **Mental and psychosocial services**
- **Medical examinations for public health reasons** (prevention and control of communicable diseases: sexually transmission infections, HIV, tuberculosis, COVID-19, viral hepatitis B and C).

Registration with a Primary Health Care Doctor

- The first point of contact between the patient and the healthcare system is represented by the family doctor.
- Temporary protection status beneficiaries who apply for services for the first time in medical institutions, have to register with a family doctor in order to be able to benefit from the health benefit package
- 5150 persons were registered to family doctor as of 29th of February 2024.
- A family physician provides services:
 - Diagnosis and treatment, including prescribing compensated drugs and medical products;
 - Prevention and prophylaxis, including health education on risk factors, early detection programmes (cervical, breast, colon cancer screening, etc.);
 - Auxiliary services such as sick leave, health certificates, including those issued to persons before marriage, caring for a sick child, medical and death certificates.



Outpatient specialized care

A specialized physician provides services:

- Diagnosis and treatment, including prescription of compensated medicines and medical products;
- Performing specialised manipulations, such as outpatient surgical interventions, instrumental examinations, etc., in cooperation with a family doctor;
- Together with the family physician, is involved in preventive check-ups for early detection of diseases;
- Auxiliary services, such as issuing sick leaves, health certificates, etc.



Compensated Medicine and Medical Products

Compensated drugs and medical devices are prescribed by family physicians for temporarily protected persons registered with a family physician

- **Fully compensated for the treatment of chronic diseases:** diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, treatment of Parkinson's disease and syndrome, mental disorders (dementia, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, epilepsy with psychotic disorders), autism spectrum disorders, bronchial asthma, rare diseases (epidermolysis bullosa, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, myasthenia gravis, Duchenne's dystrophy), systemic and autoimmune diseases, glaucoma, breast cancer, anaemia of pregnancy.
- **Partially compensated for chronic diseases:** cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases (chronic obstructive bronchopneumonia, bronchial asthma), depression, dementia (Alzheimer's disease), musculoskeletal diseases (osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis), endocrine diseases, gout, digestive system diseases (hepatitis and cirrhosis), psoriasis.
- **Fully compensated for children from 0 to 18 years, partially compensated for adults/for the treatment of acute diseases:** Pneumonia, bronchitis, bronchial asthma, gastritis, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, arthritis, chronic pancreatitis, reactive pancreatitis in children, acute and chronic pyelonephritis, liver fibrosis and cirrhosis, gout, myelopathy, complications of diabetes mellitus, acute viral respiratory disease in children, treatment of Covid-19 infection, treatment in palliative care settings.

Thank you!