

**PCH Emergency Department Rash Management Guideline**

<p>Close contact with a confirmed case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles – past 18 days</li> <li>• Varicella/Shingles – past 21 days</li> <li>• Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) – not treated</li> <li>• Viral haemorrhagic fever (i.e. Ebola, Lassa fever)</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Suspected case of ANY of the above referred by GP</p>		<p><b>IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE AIRBORNE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS</b> from Triage</p> <p>Apply Particulate Filter Respirator (PFR) on patient <b>immediately</b> while waiting.</p> <p>Escort patient to Negative Pressure isolation room (A5 or A6) and close doors.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Isolation of measles in negative pressure room is a priority over varicella.</b></p> <p>All staff / visitors wear full PPE when entering room (Note: Restrict visitor movements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gown</li> <li>○ Gloves</li> <li>○ N95 mask</li> <li>○ Protective Eyewear</li> <li>○ Perform 5 moments Hand Hygiene</li> </ul> <p>Patients must wear a PFR when leaving room for procedures (if tolerated/age appropriate).</p> <p><b>Note: Only staff who are immune to Measles and Varicella should care for patients.</b></p>
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Suspicious Rash – Does the rash look like this?		Determine if any of the following apply.
<p><b>MEASLES</b></p>	<p><b>VARICELLA</b></p>	<p><b>1. Immunisation Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Measles</b> – determine MMR status How many doses? Administered in which country? If &lt;2 doses given and/or administered overseas – <b>ISOLATE</b></li> <li>○ <b>Varicella</b> – irrespective – <b>ISOLATE</b></li> </ul> <p><b>2. Recent travel overseas</b> If within last 3 weeks – <b>ISOLATE</b></p> <p><b>3. Recent contact with family from overseas with symptoms of rash and fever</b> See incubation periods – <b>ISOLATE</b></p> <p><b>4. Recent close contact with confirmed cases</b> See incubation periods – <b>ISOLATE</b></p>

**Discharge from ED (still infectious) or transfers to the wards.**

**Discharge Home:** Patient to exit via the Ambulance bay

**Transfer to Wards:** Patient to exit via Triage support corridor to the Blue Lifts.

- Patient and family members must wear PFR during exit or transfer
- If returning to ED for review, provide patient and family with spare PFR's and "Returning to ED for Review" handout
- Staff must wear full PPE for transfer
- Clean room as per standard Infection Control cleaning policy (2 step clean – detergent followed by 0.125% hypochlorite). Room can be used again when fully dry

