Could this patient have measles?

Measles triage for Emergency Departments

Patient born after 1965?

Fever + red eyes, cough or runny eyes?

Suspect measles

More likely in:

• returned traveller

• contact of a case

• unimmunised.

Actions at triage

- **1.** Give the patient a **surgical mask** to wear.
- 2. Isolate in a single room preferably negative pressure, or any available space with a closed door.

Actions in the Emergency Department

- **1.** Phone the Department of Health & Human Services immediately for any **suspected case** on 1300 651 160.
- 2. Notify the Infection Control Team in your hospital.
- 3. Collect:
 - Blood for serology (measles IgM and IgG)
 - A nose and throat viral swab +/- urine, or NPA [infants] for PCR
 - Mark request as urgent.
- **4.** Discharge from ED as soon as medically appropriate and advise to stay at home while awaiting results.

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