

How to Clean Following Measles Exposure

It is advised to immediately and thoroughly clean the affected areas following a measles exposure.

Measles transmission:

- Measles is highly contagious and can spread through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes.
- The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after the infected person has left the area.
- The virus can also survive on surfaces for up to two hours.

Clean all surfaces:

- Using an approved low-level disinfectant that is effective against the measles virus, clean all surfaces, with special attention to high-touch areas:
 - Desks
 - Doorknobs
 - Light switches
 - Shared equipment
 - Other measures:
 - Promote air circulation

Ensure frequent cleaning of high-touch areas throughout the day.

Reference: [Public Health Ontario, 2024. Measles: Information for Health Care Providers.](#)