WHAT IS MEASLES?
Measles is a virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It spreads when the infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. It is highly contagious. You can catch measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been or up to 2 hours after that person is gone.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS
Symptoms generally appear about 7-14 days after a person is infected and typically begin with:
- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red & Watery Eyes
- Tiny white spots inside the mouth
- A rash of flat red spots on the face which later spreads down the body

13.8 million deaths averted from 2000-2012 due to the measles vaccine

PREVENTION
- Measles can be prevented with the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) shot.
- Almost everyone who has not had the MMR shot will get measles if they are exposed to the measles virus.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...
Getting the measles vaccine is critical to saving lives.
Measles is one of the leading causes of death among young children.
If you have not been vaccinated, or are unsure about your immunity status, contact your health care provider.

FAST FACT
In the United States, widespread use of the measles vaccine has led to a greater than 99% reduction in measles cases compared with the pre-vaccine era.

78% fewer child deaths because of the measles vaccine

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO)