



The Welcoming City



New Arrivals Briefing

March 20, 2024

- Welcome
- Overview & Current Status
- Halsted Shelter Overview
- Shelter Stay Policy
- Measles and Halsted Response
- Other Updates
- Q&A

The Chicago region has welcomed over 37,300+ new arrivals since August 2022.



- **32,705** individuals arriving at Chicago's Landing Zone
- **4,683** who have arrived on flights to O'Hare and Midway

842 buses have arrived in Chicagoland area since August 2022



- **602** arrived at Chicago's landing zone
- **240** buses and **1** plane arrived in the area



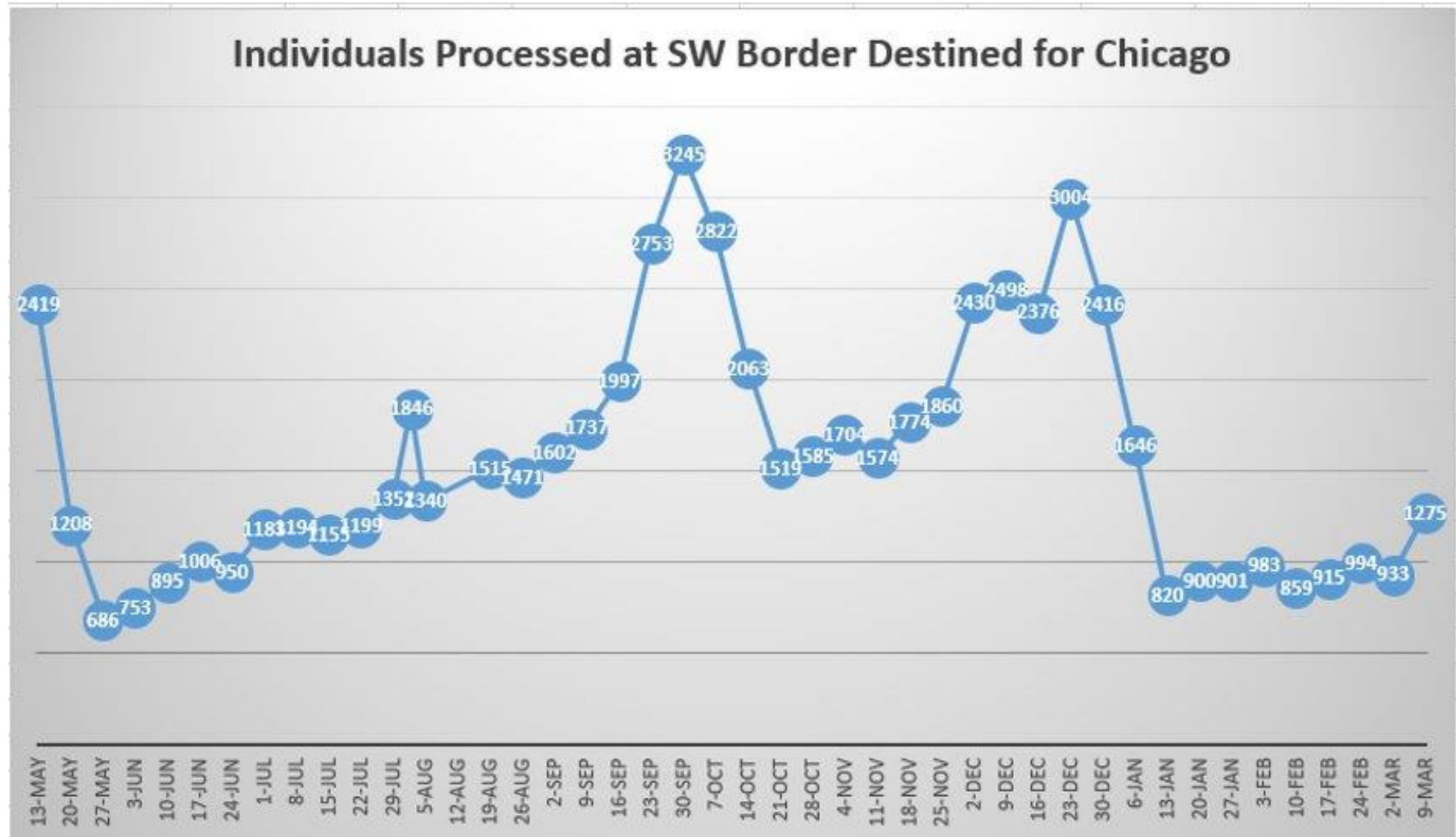
23 shelters in operation across the city



10,845 current shelter residents
7 awaiting shelter at O'Hare and Midway
45 at Landing Zone
0 at Police Stations



4 buses expected to arrive today with 150-160 people.



An estimated 37,330+ asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago since 31 AUG 2022

Shelter-based case managers use a **standardized extension screening document** to determine eligibility for an extension.

Progress Toward Housing

Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP)-eligible households

An extension may be granted if a resident/household is actively engaging in the housing location process with Catholic Charities.

Progress toward housing for non-ASERAP eligible households.

An extension may be granted if there is a signed lease with a move-in date confirmed. The extension would be through their move-in day.

Outmigration

If a family is planning to move out of shelter and is pending support on an outmigration request, they may be granted an extension through their departure date.

Familial Circumstances

- Medical care, Gender-Based Violence, Disability, Medical Isolation, Pregnancy/Infant, Bereavement, Mental Health, Public Benefits Enrollment

- Families with children in shelter as of **March 17th will receive 30-day extensions, renewable up to three times through June 10, 2024,** prioritizing bed availability and minimizing disruption during the school year.
- Additional precautions have been implemented to address **emerging measles cases, including vaccination requirements, medical assessment pauses, and refined medical quarantine procedures.**

- On March 7th, first confirmed case of measles was identified at Halsted, becoming the second case in the City
 - By March 10th – CDPH vaccinated 95% of shelter residents and only 7 shelter residents were left unvaccinated due to shelter staff indicating they had not signed back into the shelter for over 48 hours.
 - Instituted 21-day quarantine period.
- **Food at Halsted**
 - Distributed Food feedback survey to residents and posted QR codes to the survey all around the dining room.
 - Incorporated tostones and yucca into the meal rotation.
 - On Sunday, arepas for dinner are served.

- **Quarantine**
 - **Enrichment Efforts**
 - City Colleges is on site 3/20 to enroll residents in English classes and Adult Ed classes
 - Once Upon Our Time Capsule visits every Saturday to provide enrichment programming.
 - Clergy engagement and presence.
 - CPS dropped off grade-specific activity packets for all school-age children
 - Arts and enrichment donations from the DFSS Childrens Services team secured
 - **Transfers**
 - Vaccinated families were transferred to other shelters to support
 - Transferred vulnerable families from Halsted to a Hotel to quarantine for the 21 days.
 - Support Services are also being offered to families staying at the Hotel



MMR/MMRV Vaccination Requirement

- **Measles is a highly transmissible infectious disease. Thankfully, vaccines are very effective.**
- **To prevent the avoidable spread of infectious disease, the City will require that all residents who enter or stay in a City-operated shelter system be vaccinated for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) or Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV) depending on age.**
- Additional vaccines may be added to this list at the discretion of the CDPH Commissioner.
- Residents at all City-operated shelters must be vaccinated against MMR/MMRV as a condition of shelter entrance and stay.
- Additionally, the City will encourage shelters that receive City funding to review any relevant policies they have in place at their shelters.
- New arrivals at the Landing Zone who fail to report their vaccination status or refuse voluntary vaccination will not be placed in a shelter.

★ Medical Assessment Pause



- To ensure the City can effectively implement public health mitigation practices, DFSS may pause the Limited Stay Policy at sites selected by CDPH as requiring individual assessments.
 - The pause for selected sites will last until CDPH assesses immunity status and reaches 95% vaccination rate at all sites.
 - If a confirmed case of a public health incident, such as Measles, is found at any one of the selected shelters, the medical quarantine extension will be triggered for all non-immune shelter residents at the shelter.

★ Medical Quarantine Added to the Limited Stay Extension Policy

- **Extensions for specific circumstances have always been a part of the Limited Stay Policy, including extensions for medical care and for medical isolation.**
- To address known exposure, DFSS will update the Limited Stay Extension Policy to include an extension for medical quarantine.
 - Receiving this extension requires complying with vaccination, quarantine, and isolation compliance, as applicable.
 - Operationally, this means all exposed, non-immune residents remain in shelter through their quarantine period plus 7 days, as long as they get vaccinated and comply with quarantine and isolation requirements.



Presentation by Chicago Department of Public Health

Measles Dashboard

Data last updated 03/19/2024

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Cases of Measles in 2024 Among Chicagoans

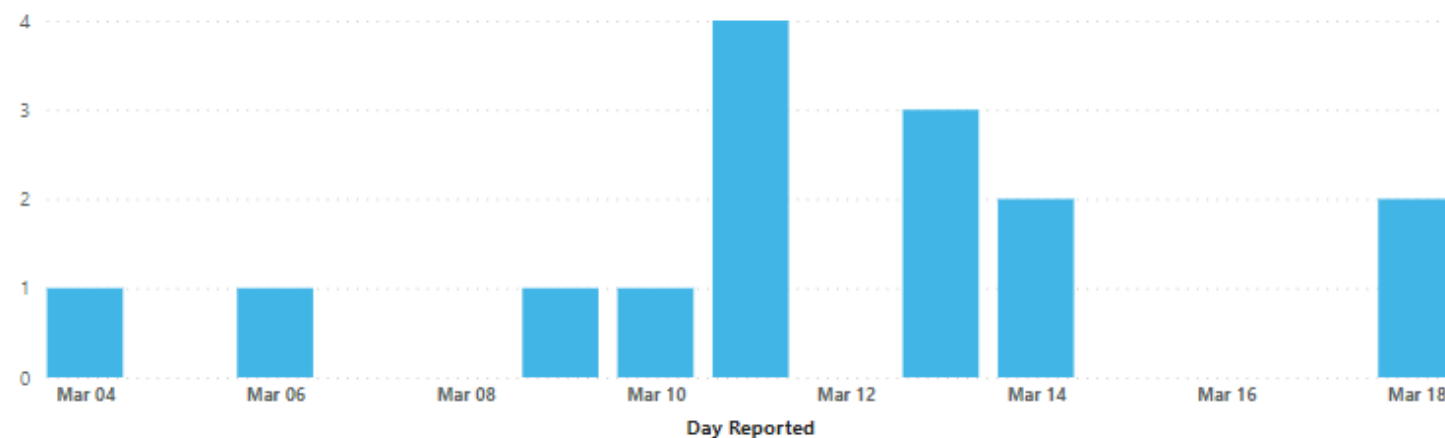
Cases This Year

15

Cases This Week: 03/17 - 03/23

2

Cases by Day Reported



Cases by Age Group

Age Group	Count	%
0 - 4 years	8	53%
05 - 17 years	1	7%
18 - 49 years	5	33%
50+ years	1	7%

- Total Shelter residents : 1895
- Total Immune : 999 (52.9%)
- Date of first exposure 2/22/2024
- **Total Non- Immune: 896**

- Vaccination Efforts for Non- Immune
 - **277** on 3/8,
 - **276** on 3/9;
 - **326** on 3/10;
 - **10** on 3/11.
 - **889** (99.2%) total vaccinated

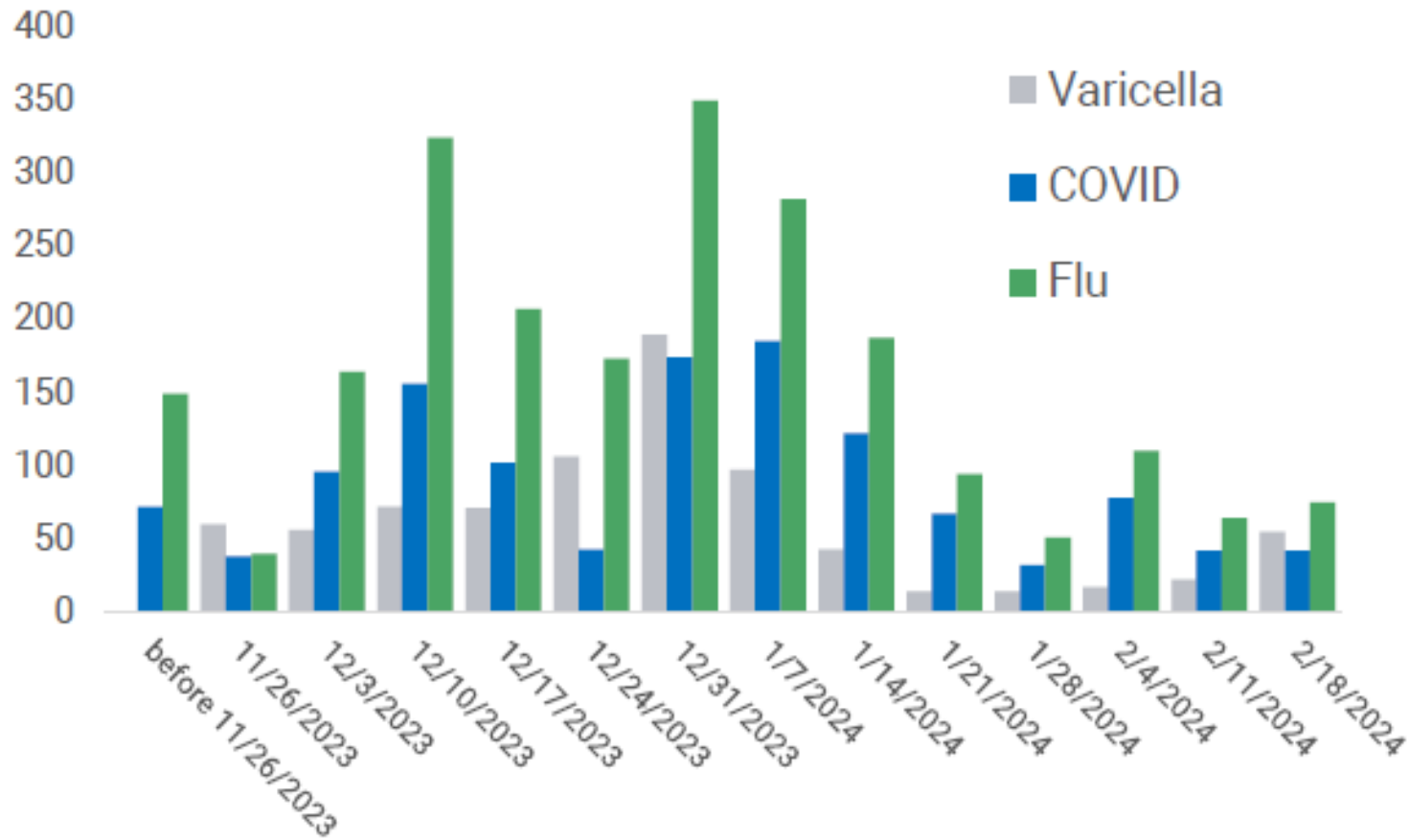
- With Vaccination efforts non-immune persons would become immune at 21 days post vax by 4/3/2024

MMR Doses by Shelter		MMR Doses by Provider		MMR Doses by Admin Date	
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Halsted	892	Alivio	179	3/8/2024	277
Landing Zone	352	UIC	778	3/9/2024	276
Walnut	221	Rush	358	3/10/2024	343
Ogden	176	CDPH	658	3/11/2024	68
Super 8	112	CORE	459	3/12/2024	278
Elston	84	Prism	195	3/13/2024	396
Lakeshore Hotel	84	Comer (UChicago)	2	3/14/2024	371
AIC	134	CIMPAR	434	3/15/2024	211
Inn of Chicago	491	Grand Total	3063	3/16/2024	352
MWRD	120			3/17/2024	491
Parthenon	32			Grand Total	3063
Social Club	326				
High Ridge YMCA	39				
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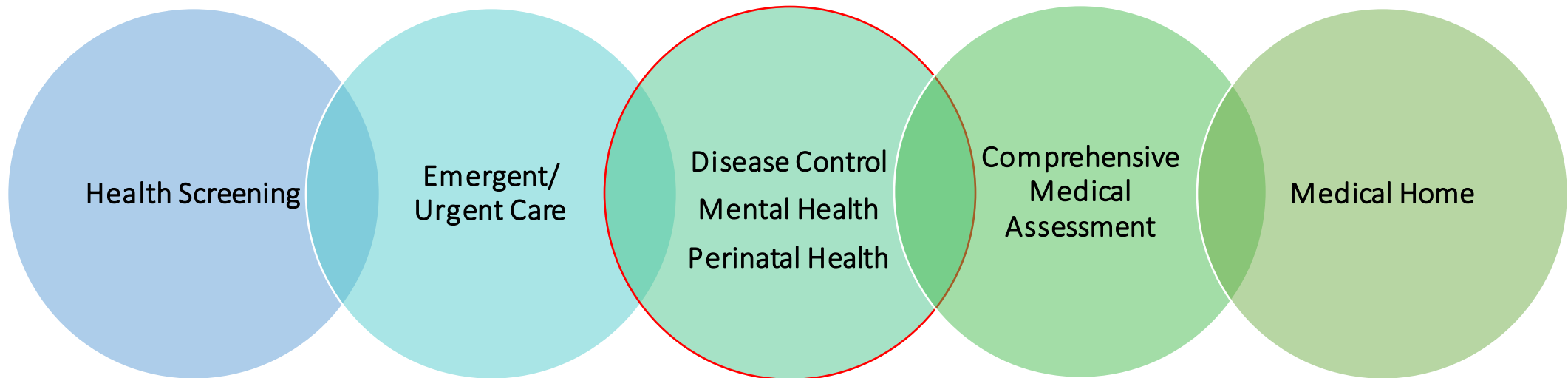
New Arrivals Flu/COVID-19 Vaccination

Vaccinations by Week



- Between 11/4/23 - 2/21/23:
 - **1241** COVID-19 doses administered
 - **2254** Flu doses administered
 - **31** MPOX doses administered
 - **139** vaccine events at PDs and shelters
- Providers include Alivio, CORE, CareVan, Rush, UIC, CommunityHealth, Walgreens
- **Data from new non-contracted providers not incorporated yet.**

Stages of Healthcare Services for New Arrivals



Infection Control

Vaccination

Disease Control

Food Protection

Health Education

**Healthcare
Coordination**

**Volunteer/ Medical
Reserve Corps**

**Hospital
Preparedness**

**Public
Information**

**Data
Management**

**Behavioral
Health**

**Maternal, Infant,
and
Child Health**

Current Situation

- Total confirmed measles cases in Chicago: 15
 - 13 Halsted-associated cases
 - 8 children and 5 adults
- 2 cases not associated with Halsted
 - 1 adult and 1 child

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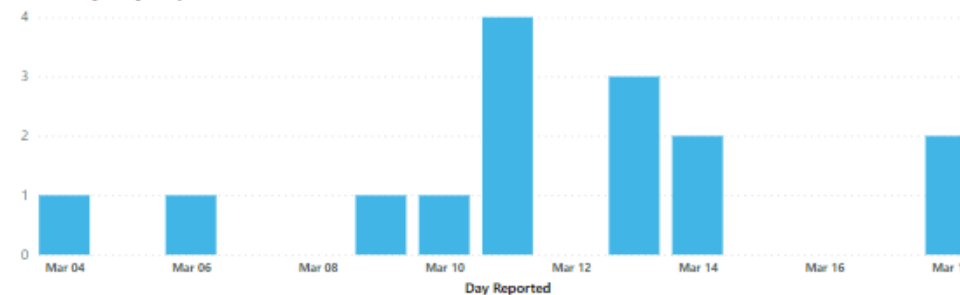
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Measles dashboard:
chicago.gov/measles

Measles Vaccination Update:

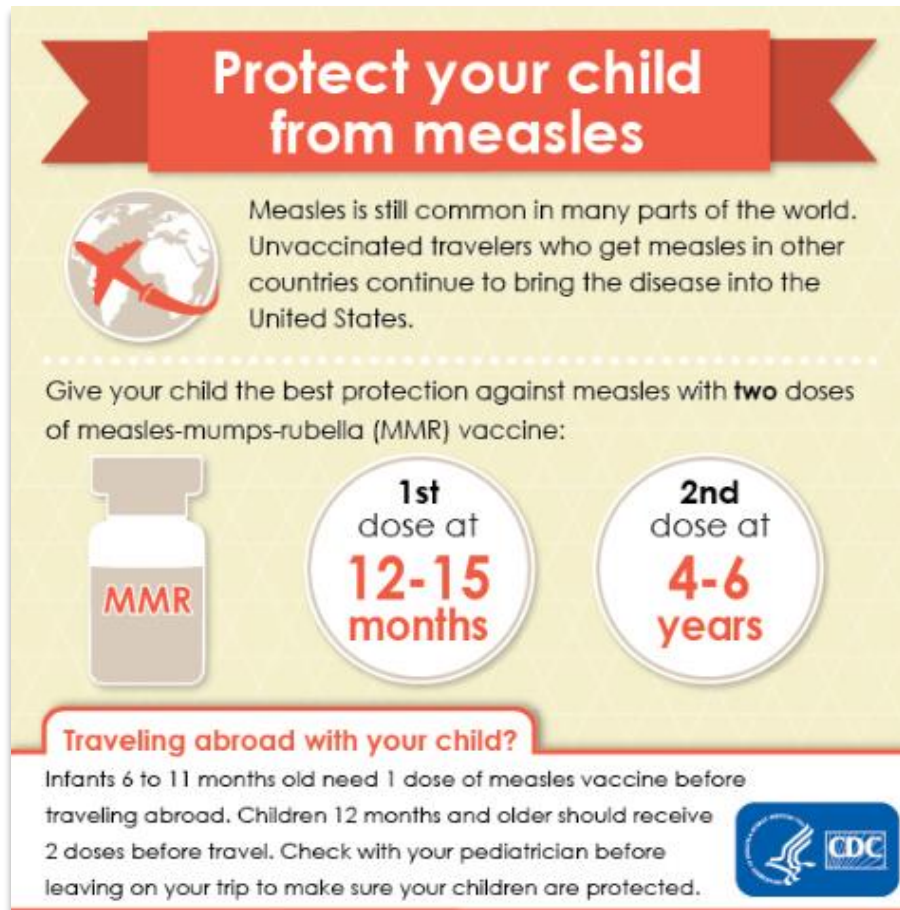
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Am I at risk of getting measles and how can I protect myself?

- Most individuals in Chicago are protected from measles because they were vaccinated as children
- However, some children under the age of 12 months or those with weakened immune systems may not be able to receive the vaccine.
- The best protection is the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine



What should I do if myself or my child has been exposed to measles?



Protect your child from measles

Measles is still common in many parts of the world. Unvaccinated travelers who get measles in other countries continue to bring the disease into the United States.


Give your child the best protection against measles with **two** doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine:

1st dose at 12-15 months

2nd dose at 4-6 years

Traveling abroad with your child?

Infants 6 to 11 months old need 1 dose of measles vaccine before traveling abroad. Children 12 months and older should receive 2 doses before travel. Check with your pediatrician before leaving on your trip to make sure your children are protected.



Immediately call your healthcare provider and let them know. Your healthcare provider can determine if you are immune and can make special arrangements to evaluate you without putting other patients or medical staff at risk.

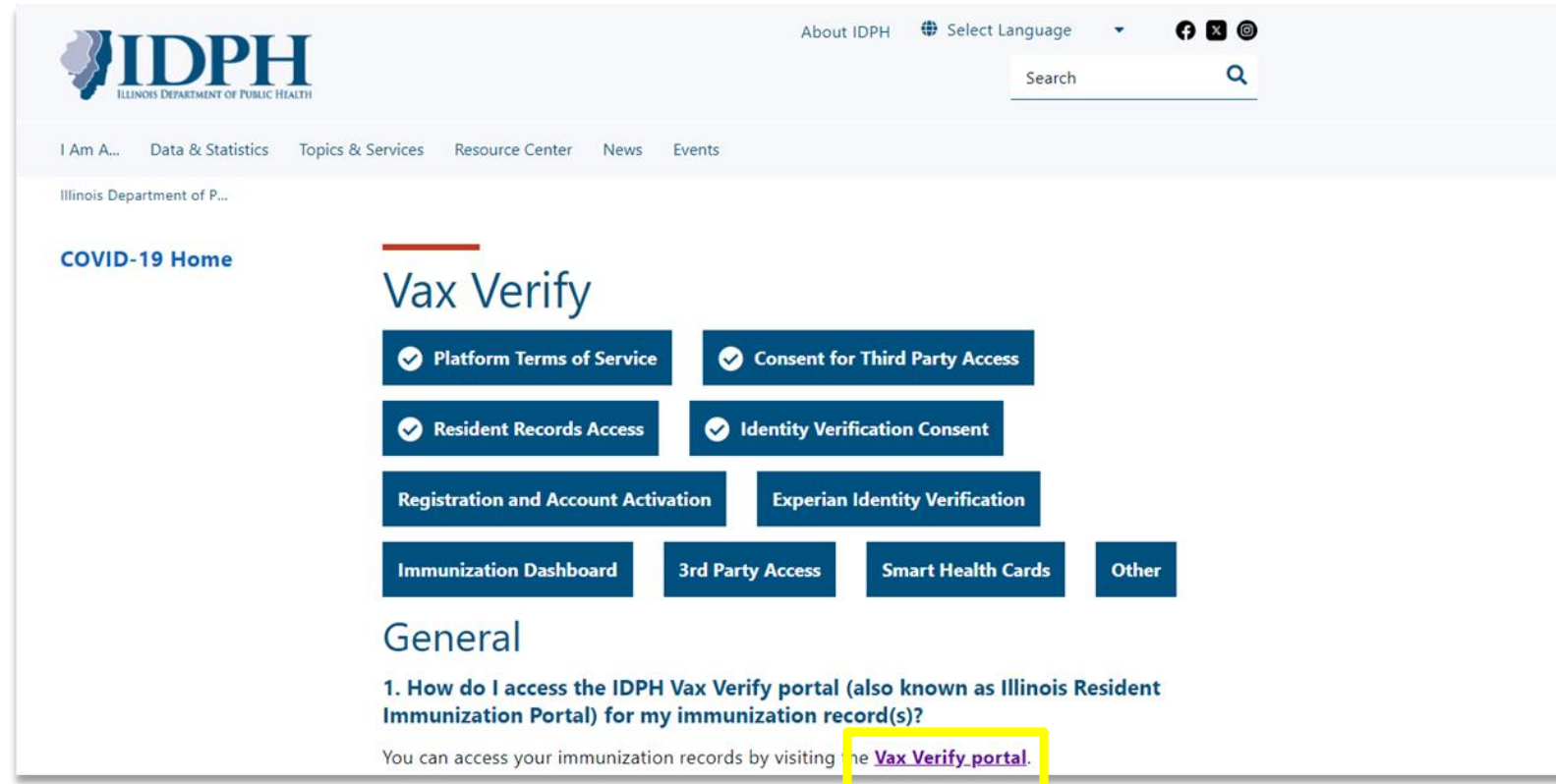


If you are not immune to measles, MMR vaccine can help reduce your risk of developing measles.



If you are not immune to measles and do not get vaccine, stay home and isolate for 21 days.

- Contact your healthcare provider
- If you do not have a healthcare provider, call 311 or visit www.Chicago.gov/health to locate a CDPH walk-in immunization clinic
- Immunization records in Illinois can be accessed at: dph.Illinois.gov/vaxverify.html



The screenshot shows the IDPH Vax Verify portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IDPH logo, a search bar, and links for 'About IDPH', 'Select Language', and social media icons. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'I Am A...', 'Data & Statistics', 'Topics & Services', 'Resource Center', 'News', and 'Events'. The main content area features a 'COVID-19 Home' link and a 'Vax Verify' section. This section contains several buttons: 'Platform Terms of Service', 'Consent for Third Party Access', 'Resident Records Access', 'Identity Verification Consent', 'Registration and Account Activation', 'Experian Identity Verification', 'Immunization Dashboard', '3rd Party Access', 'Smart Health Cards', and 'Other'. Below these buttons, there is a 'General' section with a question: '1. How do I access the IDPH Vax Verify portal (also known as Illinois Resident Immunization Portal) for my immunization record(s)?'. The answer provided is: 'You can access your immunization records by visiting the [Vax Verify portal](#).' The link 'Vax Verify portal' is highlighted with a yellow box.

The New Neighbors campaign will **streamline and coordinate volunteer efforts across the City** between community members, mutual aid groups, aldermanic offices, city agencies and partner organizations serving New Arrivals, helping to foster a sense of belonging and connection to our communities.



ChicagoCares and ***Chicago Refugee Coalition*** are partnering with the City to **standardize and provide an easy to access volunteer process** dedicated to redefining volunteerism.

ChicagoCares builds upon community partnerships in the city's South and West Sides.

Chicago Refugee Coalition is dedicated to provide innovative, dignity-centered relief services for refugees in the Chicagoland area.

Soft launch last week with partners:

- ***City Clerk – City Key***
- ***The Resurrection Project – TPS Workshop***
- ***New Life Center – Donations Warehouse***

thehub.chicagorefugee.org/

Donate and Volunteer

- Amazon Wish List: chicago.gov/support
- Gently used items can be dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)
- **Critical Needs:**
 - Blankets, cots, pillows, towels, hygiene kits, feminine hygiene products, diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby bottles.

Recommend Apartments Units

- Suggest rental units
<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

