

# THE RISKS OF WHAT YOU MAY THINK IS JUST A HARMLESS LITTLE RASH



Symptoms of measles can be very dangerous to infants

## Symptoms can include:

- Cough, runny nose, or red, watery eyes
- High fever
- A rash will occur 3 to 4 days after symptoms appear



## How serious are the measles?

- Hospitalization occurs to 1 out of every 4 people who get measles
- Brain swelling due to infection (encephalitis), may lead to brain damage to 1 out of every 1,000 people with measles
- Even with the best care, 1 or 2 out of 1,000 people who have measles will die



Why is the measles vaccine so important?

## It is the key to protecting your child.

- Measles cases are higher than they have been in the last 50 years, and the upward trend is expected to continue.
- Check with your health care provider to see if you need the measles vaccine and get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine for your children in accordance with the CDC recommended immunization schedule.