Could your patient have measles?

Patient born after 1965? Fever & rash?

OR

Fever + red eyes, cough or runny nose?

Suspect measles especially in people who are:



returned travellers



contact of a measles case



unimmunised

Actions for healthcare providers:

- 1. On arrival give the patient a face mask to wear and place them in a single room preferably with negative pressure, or a room with a closed door
- 2. Notify the Department of Health immediately for any suspected case on 1300 651 160

3. Test:

- Nasopharyngeal aspirate or throat swab viral swab +/- first catch urine for PCR
- Blood for measles serology (IgM and IgG)
- Mark request as urgent

4. Isolate

- If admitted to hospital keep patient in a negative pressure room and notify the Infection Prevention and Control Team
- If patient is sent home advise them to isolate at home and avoid having visitors while awaiting results

