

Dear UC Parents,

As you have most likely seen in the news or on social media, there have been 16 cases of the measles reported in Vancouver area since January 1st. I wanted to let you know that Union Chapel staff are aware of this and have been doing the necessary research to stay up to date. UC Kids is committed to providing a safe and healthy space for your children and we plan will continue our protocol of keeping classrooms clean and sanitized. We will also strictly enforce the Sick Policy we have in place that states:

If a child has been experiencing ANY contagious symptoms within the past 48 hours (fever, vomiting, rashes, colored snot, etc) they will not be permitted to attend class (exceptions are made for teething babies or children with allergies).

According to the World Health Organization, those most at risk are **unvaccinated children** (including those under 12 months who have not yet received their MMR vaccine) and **unvaccinated pregnant women**. We encourage you to stay informed as the story develops (especially if your family includes those most at risk) and trust that you'll do what's best for the health of all families at Union Chapel. Clark County Public Health has posted a list of locations where people may have been exposed to the illness.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/measles-investigation>

These other websites also helpful resources with more information.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/measles>

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/faqs.html>

Thank you,

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