

Laboratory Update

New Measles Testing Guidance

Healthcare providers who suspect measles should now submit the online Measles Test Request Form through Iowa HHS and the State Hygienic Lab (SHL) instead of calling the Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) directly. This process was updated by Iowa HHS on September 11, 2026.

Test Request Form:

[State Hygienic Lab - Measles Test Request](#)

When filling out this form: Please select code 7769- MERCYONE DES MOINES MED CTR for the organization to ensure that results are available for our lab to access online and report out.

Select your organization
(if your facility is not in the list, select the hospital you are affiliated with)

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Clinician reminders:

- Immediately isolate suspected cases using airborne precautions.
- Collect recommended PCR specimens.
- Advise patients to stay home pending results.
- Request testing only for symptomatic patients with suspected measles (not for immunity screening).

Please see the attached Iowa HHS guidance document for additional details.