

## SAMPLE GENERAL MEASLES LETTER FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parent:

Measles is spreading across the United States, and while Illinois has good vaccination coverage overall, children who are not up to date with vaccines could be at increased risk. The majority of cases across the country are in unvaccinated individuals. Measles is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It spreads through the air through coughing and sneezing. Measles starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and is followed by a rash that spreads all over the body. An infected person can spread measles to others even before developing symptoms.

The best way to protect your children is by making sure everyone receives measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine **on time**. Children usually get the first dose of MMR at 12 to 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 to 6 years of age.

To ensure the safety of all camp members, \_\_\_\_\_ is asking for the following form to be completed and submitted by the first day of camp attendance.

**Please note:** If there is a measles case associated with our camp, unvaccinated and non-immune individuals will be required to be excluded from camp up to 21 days after the exposure.

Please call: \_\_\_\_\_ with additional questions.

Sincerely,

Name of camp leader

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Please fill in the requested information below:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
Vaccine	Date
MMR First Dose	
MMR Second Dose	

By signing the below, I acknowledge that the vaccine records, to the best of my knowledge, are accurate. I also understand that if a case of measles were to occur at the camp, and my child was not vaccinated or immune, my child may be excluded from the camp for up to 21 days.

Signature of Parent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date