Measles is a highly contagious virus that spreads through the coughs and sneezes of an infected person. Although declared eliminated in the United States in 2000 as a result of a highly effective vaccine, measles cases in the last few years have been increasing. The measles virus is brought into the United States every year through unvaccinated travelers and can be spread to others who are not protected. Additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available at [http://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/index.html).

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