

# Measles vaccination

Outbreaks of measles are occurring worldwide, including in Europe.

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**Travelling is a good opportunity to examine the vaccination status and update it where necessary. Most adults born before 1970 will have had measles as a child.**

Adults born after 1970, who have not had measles and have received no or only one vaccination, should be offered the measles-mumps-rubella vaccination (MMR). In Flanders, the [MMR vaccine is available free of charge](#) to this target group. Complete vaccination status is achieved after two MMR vaccinations spaced at least one month apart.

## EARLIER VACCINATION

Infants who have not received a measles vaccination yet, can be vaccinated at the earlier age of six to twelve months if they are travelling to countries with a high risk of measles. This earlier vaccination does not count as a fully-fledged vaccination, but offers short-term protection. Following this dose, they still need to receive two vaccinations according to the vaccination schedule.

## COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS APPLY

- All countries in Africa and Asia
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Macedonia
- Ukraine
- Romania
- Venezuela

## Countries for which early vaccination is recommended if you are in close contact with the local population

In other words, if you are staying with family or friends at home. This advice does not apply to journeys that involve spending the night in a campsite, a hotel or an apartment.

- Azerbaijan
- France
- Israel (when staying in jewish-orthodox communities)
- Italy
- Kyrgyzstan
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic

- Russian Federation
- US (when staying in jewish-orthodox communities in New York)

This list is updated monthly based on the WHO and ECDC reports.