MEASLES

MEASLES IS A SERIOUS DISEASE

Measles is a serious disease that causes a rash and fever.
Measles is very contagious. It spreads when a person with measles breathes out, coughs or sneezes.
Anyone who is not vaccinated is much more likely to get measles.
Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. It can cause swelling of the brain and lung infections. In rare cases, it can be deadly.

VACCINATION IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

The MMR shot is safe and very effective at preventing measles. It also protects against mumps and rubella.
Doctors recommend that all children get the MMR shot.
Getting the MMR vaccine is safer than getting measles.
Most children do not have any side effects from the shot. The side effects that do occur are usually mild and don’t last long, such as a fever, mild rash, and soreness.

MMR VACCINE DOES NOT CAUSE AUTISM

No studies have found a link between autism and the MMR vaccine. This has been carefully studied by many doctors and scientists from around the world.

Scientists are studying what makes a child more likely to have autism. Most scientists agree that autism probably results from a combination of family genes and events before and after birth. This could include the age of the parents at the time of birth, illness of the mother during pregnancy, or difficulties at birth. They are also studying connections between autism and where a person lives.

Ask your doctor if you have questions about measles or MMR vaccine.

For more information: www.kingcounty.gov/measles