

**IMPOSSIBLE
TO ERADICATE
MEASLES
WITH
LIVE VIRUS
VACCINE**

FACT: It is impossible to eradicate an illness like measles through vaccination.

- A large portion of infections from outbreaks occur in fully vaccinated individuals.
- Not everyone who is vaccinated develops immunity to measles.
- Vaccine induced immunity wanes over time and does not last regardless of booster shots. Gregory Poland (vaccinologist) states: "This leads to a paradoxical situation whereby measles in highly immunized societies occurs primarily among those previously immunized."

FACT: The MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella) is a live virus vaccine, therefore can:

- cause measles infection in the recipient.
- shed and spread the virus to others. This is why it is recommended that those recently vaccinated avoid immunocompromised individuals.

FACT: Measles was never eradicated in the U.S.

- In 2000, measles was declared "eliminated" after a 12 month span of no confirmed cases. Despite this declaration, 86 cases were confirmed for 2000 and outbreaks have occurred to varying degrees every year since.
- Despite high levels of immunization, outbreaks of measles occur every year in the U. S. and will continue to occur regardless of vaccination coverage.



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