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<b>Measles Investigation Request Form</b>			

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Contact Public Health and Virology before sending this form: Public health: In hours (to 5pm): contact Public Health Duty room 02890553997, or out of hours: call public health Dr for Public Health Agency through NI Ambulance Control 02890404045 Virology: office hours: 02890 632662 out of hours Virology on call via RVH switch board

**AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY**

Male/Female	Surname	Forename	D.O.B.
Address		H&C No.	
_____		Hospital _____ Ward/Clinic _____	
_____		Or GP cypher / practice / GP name _____	
_____		Or other source _____	
Postcode _____		<b>Date of onset:</b>	
		<b>Symptoms/duration:</b>	
		<b>Type of contact:</b>	
		<b>H/O MMR/MR – x0 x1 x2</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nasal /Pharyngeal Swabs for Measles Testing:</b> <u>Nasopharyngeal swabs</u> – Take one specimen. Insert swab into nostril parallel to the palate, rotate gently for a few seconds to absorb secretions and collect nasal epithelial cells. <u>Oropharyngeal swabs</u> - Take one specimen. Swab both posterior pharynx & tonsillar areas, avoiding tongue.  <b>Place both the nose and throat swabs into one tube of Copan eNat preservation medium- enclosed in the pack. The Copan swabs snap off into the tube. Make sure that the lid is tightened to prevent leaks. Label the tube with the patients name and return in the transport container and envelope provided.</b> If eNat medium is not available, send dry swabs; cut off tips into a dry sterile container - do not place swab into gel.  <b>Other acceptable specimens include respiratory secretions and sputum which can be put in a container of appropriate size to put in the transport container provided.</b> <b>Notes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Swabs, tubes of eNat medium, request forms, are available from your nearest A & E department <input type="checkbox"/> Do not pre-moisten the swabs with the eNat medium, which is a <b>skin and eye irritant</b> . <input type="checkbox"/> After collection & addition to eNat medium, the specimens are stable at ambient temperature. <input type="checkbox"/> Mark outside of packaging with “URGENT MEASLES TESTING” to facilitate recognition <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate infection control measures should be followed by HCW during specimen collection. Contact infection control for local advice.			
<b>Specimen Date &amp; Time</b>		<b>Lab use</b>	
<b>Signature</b>			

- Specimens should be packaged as per the laboratory user manual. Ensure specimen container lids are well secured to prevent leakage in transit.
- For clinical virology advice contact Duty Virologist E-mail: [bll.dutyvirologist@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:bll.dutyvirologist@belfasttrust.hscni.net) Mobile 07889086946