

# The Facts About Measles

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Articles in the media aimed at drumming up fear and whipping the public into a frenzy about nothing is happening with greater frequency. Such is the case with the latest “measles epidemic” in WA state. Headlines include dire warnings about the “deadly” measles with the solution being more vaccination. One shot for your child and he/she is saved! What could be easier?

...vaccine injuries can and do happen.

While instilling fear, rarely do any of these mainstream media announcements alert parents to the downsides of vaccination. And, should something go horribly wrong with the vaccination of their child, they are on their own as vaccine manufacturers are liability free due to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ([NVICP](#)). It is a disservice because the fact is [vaccine injuries](#) can and do happen. To date, this program has paid out in excess of \$4 billion dollars injuries.

According to a [Medalerts](#) search of the FDA Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database as of 2/5/19, the cumulative raw count of adverse events from measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines alone was: 93,929 adverse events, 1,810 disabilities, 6,902 hospitalizations, and 463 deaths. What is even more disturbing about these numbers is that VAERS is a voluntary and passive reporting system that has been found to only capture [1% of adverse events](#).

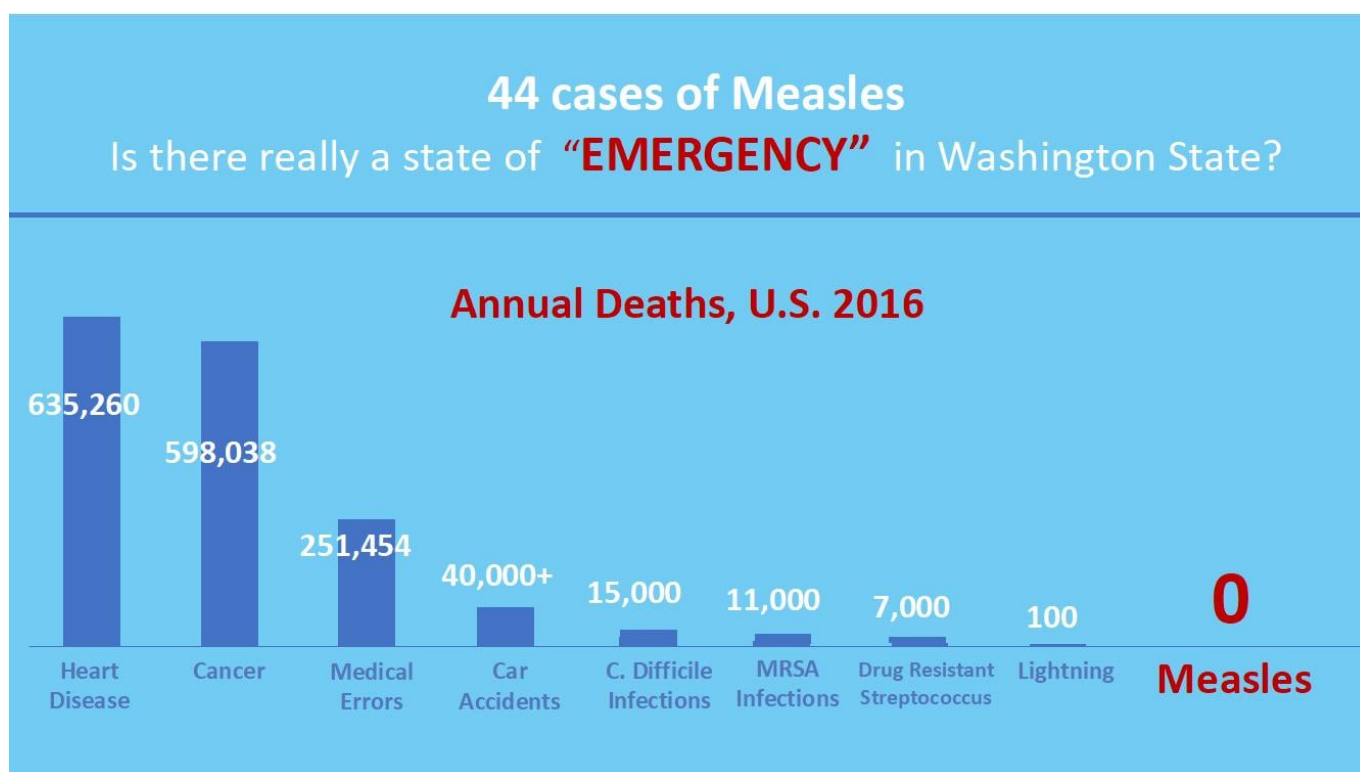
Several studies have found significant risks of serious conditions following the MMR-II vaccine. These studies have revealed an elevated risk of [seizures](#), [Type 1 diabetes](#), and [thrombocytopenia](#) (a serious autoimmune bleeding disorder) following MMR-II or MMRV vaccination. One [study](#) reported that infants who received the combination measles, mumps, rubella

and varicella vaccine (MMRV) had an even a higher risk of seizures following the vaccination and recommended that providers who recommend MMRV should communicate to parents that it increases the risk of fever and seizure over that already associated with measles-containing vaccines.

The [manufacturer's package insert](#) lists all of these conditions as potential adverse reactions to the MMR-II vaccine. These serious and sometimes deadly adverse events should not be taken lightly by parents or the media.

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In an effort to add perspective to what the risk is of contracting the measles we pulled together a list of reported annual deaths in the U.S. A person is 100 times more likely to die by lightning strike than to die of measles. And that is one that is closest to the risk of measles death.



### More Facts and Resources

Here are a few CHD articles and research that help to build understanding about measles, risks of vaccination, herd

immunity, and the benefits of natural vs. artificial immunity:

- [Natural Measles Immunity–Better Protection and More Long-Term Benefits than Vaccines](#)
- [Swedish researchers found that children who had natural measles infection had much lower rates of allergy than children vaccinated against measles.](#)
- [CDC Data Reanalysis Shows Strong, Statistically Significant Relationship Between MMR Vaccine & Autism](#)
- [Failing MMR? Mumps Outbreaks in Vaccinated Population](#)
- [Utah state scientists find autoimmune reaction to MMR in children with autism, including autoimmunity to myelin basic protein, a brain building-block.](#)
- [CDC scientists find children given the MMR vaccine shed the measles virus for at least 2 weeks after getting the vaccine, making them vectors to spread measles.](#)
- [Worse than Nothing–How Ineffective Vaccines Enhance Disease](#)
- [Japanese scientists find vaccine-strain of measles in the guts of children with autism.](#)
- [Vaccine vs. Disease Trade-offs: Cheating Children’s Immune Systems](#)
- [Herd Immunity: A False Rationale for Vaccine Mandates](#)

When it comes to any medical intervention, parents deserve the truth. They deserve to know the risks vs. benefits. And they deserve the right to refuse any vaccination for themselves or their child. Mandated vaccines are in direct opposition to informed consent, the number one tenet of the [Nuremberg Code](#):

***The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential.***

It is wrong for the media, CDC and other public health officials to misrepresent the facts when it comes to measles or any other “epidemic.”