

Measles Symptoms



Rash: The measles rash is a maculopapular eruption that usually begins at the hairline, then involves the face and spreads to the trunk and extremities, reaching the hands and feet. Lesions are generally discrete, but may become confluent, particularly on the upper body. The rash usually lasts about 5 to 6 days, and fades first on the areas first involved.

Other clinical manifestations: The illness usually begins with a prodrome generally lasting 2 to 4 days that is characterized by fever followed by cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis. Fever can reach 105°F. One diagnostic sign is Koplik spots—tiny bluish-white specks on a bright red base—on the mucous membranes of the mouth.