Measles is a systemic viral infection caused by the measles virus. It is highly infectious, the most infectious of all diseases transmitted through the respiratory route.

Measles is spread through close contact with someone who has measles. This could be from the air when they cough or sneeze, or by touching things that someone with measles has coughed or sneezed on.

Measles can be severe, particularly in immunosuppressed individuals, young infants and pregnant individuals.

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