

# Texas megachurch linked to 21 measles cases

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This Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 photo shows the Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark, Texas. The megachurch, linked to at least 21 measles cases, has been trying to contain the outbreak by hosting vaccination clinics, officials said Monday, Aug. 26, 2013. (AP Photo/The Dallas Morning News, Mona Reeder)

At least 21 cases of the measles have been linked to a North Texas megachurch where an official says they have been trying to contain the outbreak by hosting vaccination clinics.

In a recent sermon posted online, senior pastor Terri Pearsons encouraged those who haven't been vaccinated to do so, while also noting if they think they've "got this covered in your household by faith"

not to do it.

The [outbreak](#) started when a person who contracted the measles overseas visited Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark, located about 20 miles north of Fort Worth, Texas.

Officials with area [health departments](#) said Monday that those affected by the outbreak range in age from 4-months to 44-years-old. All of the school-age children with the [measles](#) were homeschooled.

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