

# Measles outbreak sparks warning from Polish health officials

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Polish health officials are calling on people to vaccinate themselves and their children after measles cases were reported in the region around Warsaw.

Health Minister Lukasz Szumowski said 17 recent [measles](#) cases in the Mazovia Province all resulted from parents failing to get their children vaccinated.

The Polish cases come as the World Health Organization has reported tens of thousands of measles cases across Europe.

At a news conference on Sunday, Szumowski and other [health](#) officials stressed that measles vaccinations are safe.

Measles is a highly contagious disease and WHO says it is one of the leading causes of death worldwide in young children. It's easily prevented with a vaccine.

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