

# Worried parents arrive an hour early and queue down the street outside Welsh hospitals offering MMR jabs after measles epidemic breaks out

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Such is the hysteria inducing power of the MSM.

Fuck me, we are fucking doomed.

This is the second story that I have added to the site in the half hour since I woke up.

The first was about babies having their heads cut off, and this ones about people queuing up to poison them.

I wish I'd stayed asleep to be honest.

- Hospitals in the region opened drop-in clinics today following increase
- Number of confirmed cases in Swansea has risen to 588
- Up to 20 new cases a day are being reported by GPs
- Around 3,800 children in area have still not had the MMR vaccine

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More than 1,000 people queued outside special vaccination clinics in south Wales offering MMR jabs in a desperate bid to halt the measles epidemic.

Following an increase in the number of confirmed cases in the area, parents were urged to vaccinate their children, and today four hospitals in the Swansea region opened drop-in clinics.

Parents were seen lining up outside the Paediatric Outpatient department at Morriston Hospital this morning an hour before the doors even opened.



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termined: Long queues have formed outside several south Wales hospitals offering MMR jabs to halt the Swansea measles epidemic



Pa  
tient: Oliver Corteen, aged 11 months, is held in his father's arms as they queue



Urge: Following an increase in the number of confirmed cases of a measles in south Wales, parents in the area were urged to vaccinate their children



Lined up: Parents and children queue outside the Paediatric Outpatient department at Morriston Hospital in Swansea  
The number of confirmed cases of measles in the Swansea epidemic has risen to 588, according to health officials in Wales.

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- [20 cases of measles a day are now being diagnosed in Swansea epidemic](#)

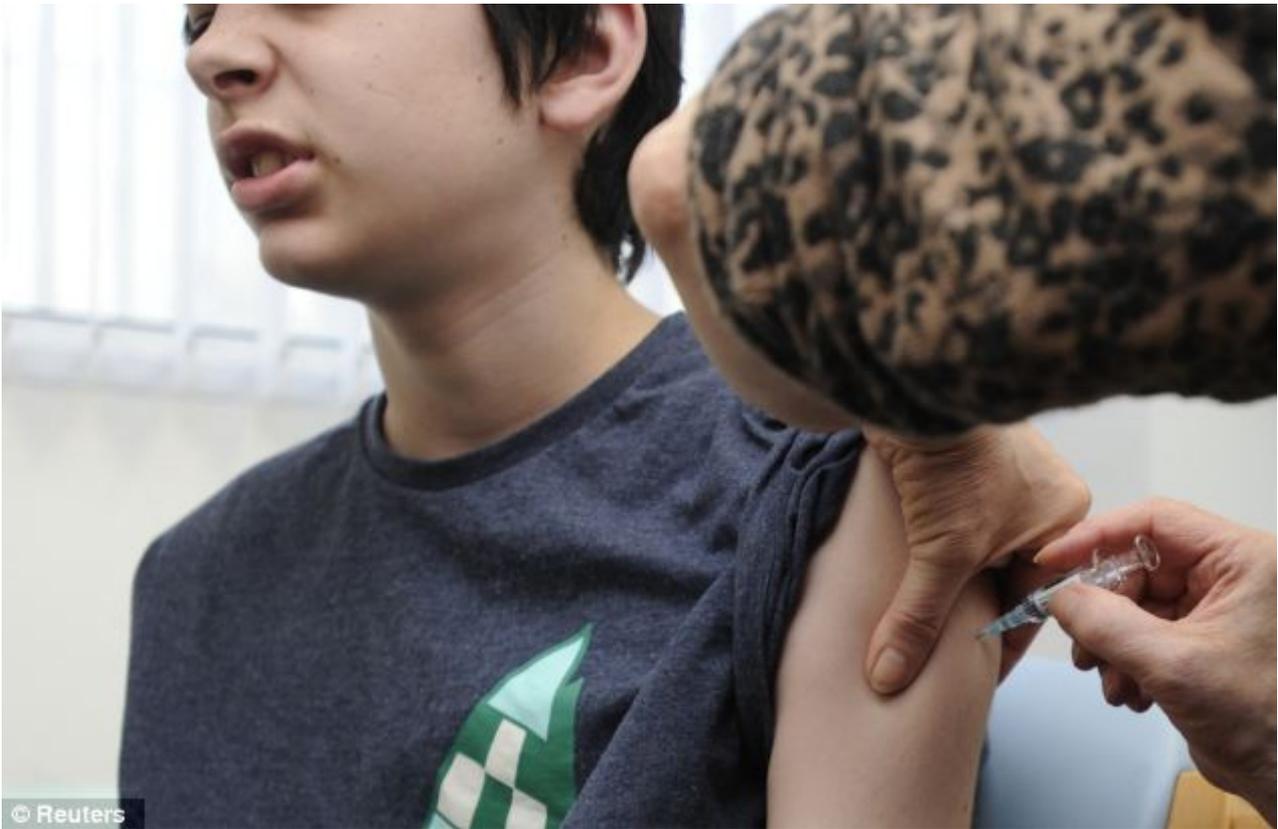
The latest figures show that 40 new cases of the disease have been diagnosed since Wednesday.

Up to 20 new cases a day are being reported by GPs, with 109 new ones in a week over the Easter period.

Health officials have estimated around 3,800 children in the Swansea area have still not had the MMR vaccine and parents are being asked to act.



© Reuters Vaccination: Lauren Durbin, aged 10 months, is given an MMR injection by Sister Sian Owen today



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jection: Kieran Elford, aged 13, is given an MMR injection following the epidemic

Dr Marion Lyons, Director of Health Protection for Public Health Wales, said: 'The alarming numbers of cases of measles and continuing spread of the disease in Wales illustrates how vital it is for parents to get their children vaccinated.'

'Unvaccinated children aged between six and 12 months living in or travelling to the outbreak areas of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot can be offered vaccination by their GP.'

'There's no adverse effect to this extra jab and those children would still need to receive the recommended two doses at 13 months and three years four months.'



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Dr Lyons added that increasing numbers of people coming forward for the MMR vaccination was encouraging – with just under 600 people in the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area alone receiving an unscheduled MMR vaccine in the past seven days.

‘We are really pleased to see that 586 people have proactively got the MMR vaccine over the past week, on top of those already scheduled to have it,’ she added.

‘Though this is a good start, there are still thousands of children who have not had both doses of the MMR jab and so are still at risk from becoming infected with the potentially fatal measles virus.

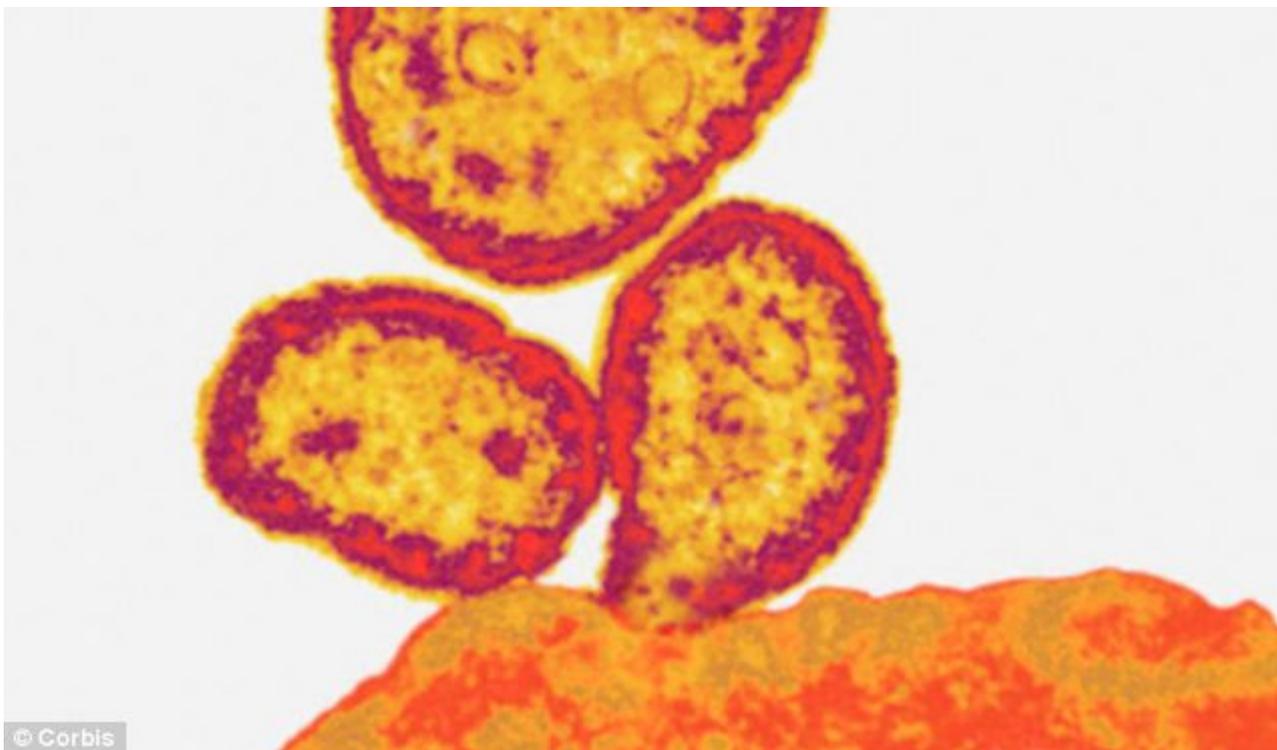
‘The risk to unvaccinated children in Wales is increasing as the disease spreads.

‘You only need one or two people who haven’t had the vaccination in a community to put at risk babies, toddlers and

anyone else who is vulnerable, such as children with leukaemia who cannot have the vaccination and pregnant women who haven't been vaccinated.

'Ninety per cent of children receiving one dose of MMR are very quickly protected against measles. For those completing the recommended two-dose course of MMR, 99 per cent of children will be protected against measles.'

She warned: 'Their health is dependent on those with whom they have close contact being fully protected against measles so that it cannot spread to them.'



The number of confirmed cases of measles (pictured) in the Swansea epidemic has risen to 588, Public Health Wales has confirmed

'The current pattern of cases and spread of illness indicates that this outbreak is likely to continue into the summer months and the risks to unvaccinated individuals will increase as more people become infected.'

'Protection against the risk of measles by getting MMR vaccination is safe, simple and effective.'

Drop-in MMR vaccination clinics are being held by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board between 10am and 4pm on Saturday April 6 at Murryston Hospital, Singleton Hospital, the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend and the Paediatric Outpatients at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

No appointments are necessary. Children and adolescents who have not had their scheduled MMR jabs will be targeted, but officials say 'no-one will be turned away, including adults'.

Read

more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2304977/Long-queues-form-outside-south-Wales-hospitals-offering-MMR-jabs-desperate-bid-halt-measles-epidemic.html#ixzz2Pi0UBeM1>

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