

<About the occurrence of measles>

Quote : Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau (OCVB)

Currently, measles patients have been confirmed in Okinawa Prefecture.

The number of the patients is 36 as of 20 April 2018.

Total number of the infected patients is 70 since the first measles patient has been confirmed on 20 March 2018.

There are no other patients being confirmed at this point.

Measles can be prevented by vaccination.

The common symptoms are high fever and rash. May cause complications and may result in severe illness such as pneumonia (infection of the lungs and throat) or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

People who have had two series of vaccinations or those who have been infected measles in the past (you can test for the antibody titer) usually does not get infected or might have mild illness.

If you are planning the trip to Okinawa, we recommend you to get vaccination before the travel. And in order to enjoy your trip, please consider buying travel insurance as well.

*The number of patients : the number of patients has decreased from the total number of infections when they take 18 days after the Fever. With the exception of the serious patients, they who passed the maximum of 18 days after the fever is generally cured so it has been counted as complete cured patients.

Please check the following website for information about prevalent of measles in Okinawa Prefecture.

<http://www.ocvb.or.jp/topics/2243>