

Measles Is A Serious Disease

According to the U.S. Public Health Service, as of the week ending December 4 the United States had recorded 253,373 cases of measles..

This is almost six times as many as the combined total of all other specified and notifiable diseases as recorded by the U.S. Department of Health for the same period.

The insidious part of this disease, which most people view as just another children's disease, is that the ensuing complications can be very serious as well as fatal.

In addition to pneumonia and middle ear infection, encephalitis may occur. This infection of the brain can leave a child mentally retarded.

Remember this, measles is not only a killer in early childhood, it can also be a very serious infection in adults.
