

Mumps

Mumps is an acute viral illness characterized by fever and swelling of the salivary glands, typically the parotids. Transmission is generally airborne through respiratory droplets or through direct contact with nasal secretions.

This vaccine-preventable, viral infection was formerly reportable in Oregon in 1981. Once an almost universal childhood infection, mumps incidence decreased in the US with routine childhood vaccination. Mumps reporting was re-established in Oregon July 1, 2006—prompted by recent outbreaks of illness among both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. Reporting of cases will assist in the appropriate isolation of cases, standardization of follow-up, and contact tracing.