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Not everyone knows that measles is a serious disease. Every year, measles still kills more than 700,000 people around the world. Most children who get measles will have a rash and a cold. But for every 1,000th person who gets measles, 1 or 2 die from it. You can get measles from an infected person who coughs or sneezes around you or even talks to you. A shot to prevent measles was created in 1963 and today, in the U.S., there are only about 100 cases each year. A measles shot can be given by itself, but it is usually given together with mumps and rubella (also called German measles) in one shot called MMR. The word "measles" probably comes from a Latin word that means "miserable".