Rubella is a viral infection that spreads in airborne droplets when people sneeze or cough. If a woman gets rubella while pregnant—especially in her first 3 months—serious consequences can result, including miscarriages, fetal deaths, stillbirths, and congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). Rubella virus is an important cause of severe birth defects.

A woman infected with rubella during the first 3 months of pregnancy has up to a 90% chance of giving birth to a baby with congenital rubella syndrome or her baby may not survive.

Globally, there are more than 100,000 babies born each year with CRS. Congenital Rubella Syndrome leads to:

- Blindness
- Deafness
- Heart Disease
- Other Birth Defects

5 in 10 babies in the world do NOT have access to a rubella vaccine.

Rubella vaccine prevents rubella and congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). It only costs about $1 to vaccinate a child against measles and rubella.

Thanks to vaccines, the Americas were declared rubella free in 2015.

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Even though the number of rubella cases has dropped dramatically, we still have much work to do globally. Stop rubella. Visit www.MeaslesRubellaInitiative.org