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Mumps Virus

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A type of paramyxovirus. It spreads from person to person through coughs, sneezes and saliva, as well as through contact with contaminated items and surfaces. Once the mumps virus enters the body, it passes into the bloodstream and can spread to many different glands and to the brain.