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Unveiling the Symptoms: Recognizing Common Infectious Diseases

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. It is important to recognize the symptoms of infectious diseases to seek timely medical care, prevent the spread of illness to others, and facilitate appropriate treatment and management.
2. Measles can lead to complications such as pneumonia, encephalitis, and death, especially in young children. These complications can have a significant impact on health and may require intensive medical intervention.
3. One preventive measure for reducing the spread of infectious diseases in communities is vaccination. Vaccines can help prevent the transmission of diseases by providing immunity to individuals and reducing the prevalence of pathogens in populations.
4. Individuals can differentiate between the symptoms of the common cold and influenza based on the severity and onset of symptoms. Influenza typically presents with sudden onset of fever, muscle aches, and fatigue, whereas the common cold usually starts with a runny or stuffy nose and progresses more gradually.

