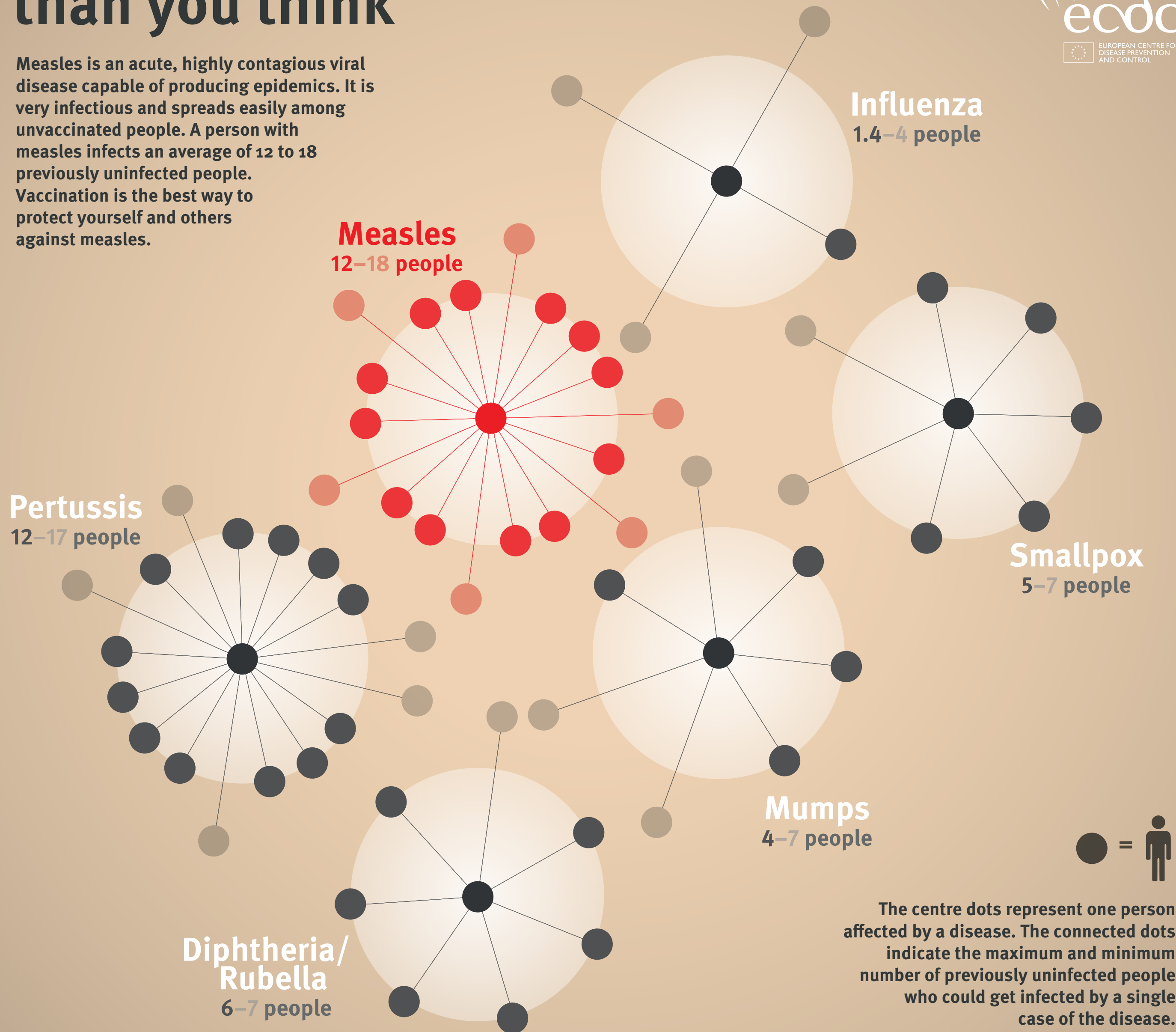


Measles is more contagious than you think

Measles is an acute, highly contagious viral disease capable of producing epidemics. It is very infectious and spreads easily among unvaccinated people. A person with measles infects an average of 12 to 18 previously uninfected people. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others against measles.



The centre dots represent one person affected by a disease. The connected dots indicate the maximum and minimum number of previously uninfected people who could get infected by a single case of the disease.

Source: Plotkin S, Orenstein W, Offit P. Vaccines. Fifth Edition, 2008, Elsevier Inc.