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## Potential Measles contacts across the North Island

### Exposure at Tainui Kapa Haka event, Claudelands events centre Hamilton

Waikato DHB Population Health has been notified of five cases of measles in the Waikato.

The most recent case, while infectious, attended a regional Tainui Waka Kapa Haka festival held Saturday 16 April at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton.

Around 5,000 attended the national event with attendees from throughout the North Island. There were 17 Kapa Haka groups from areas spanning Coromandel down to South Waikato including Waikato, Hauraki, Maniapoto and Raukawa.

**People who attended the event and are not immune are at risk of getting measles and passing it on to others across the North Island.**

Ministry of Health measles information is available at:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

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