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| <b>To:</b>    | General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions |
| <b>From:</b>  | Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health  |
| <b>Date:</b>  | 7 May 2016  |
| <b>Title:</b> | <b>National Health Advisory re Measles case on flight from Rarotonga and possible nationwide contacts</b>                     |

Please distribute the following information from the Ministry of Health to relevant staff in your organisation.

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## Measles case with possible nationwide contacts

The Ministry of Health has been advised of a confirmed case of measles who flew from Rarotonga on April 24 arriving in Auckland at 06:10 on April 25 on Jet Star flight JQ130. The person was infectious during the flight. Passengers on this flight may have continued their journey on to other locations in New Zealand. Given the incubation period for measles, cases linked to this person may soon be presenting with symptoms.

**Potential cases** could present with high fever, cough, coryza, sore red eyes, myalgia and rash

Please be aware of potential measles in people with a clinically consistent illness who travelled on the flight above or who have recently been in the Waikato.

**All suspected cases of measles are notifiable to the on-call Medical officer of Health on 04 570 9002**

### Further information

- Advice and actions for health professionals if measles is suspected. This resource can be found at [www.rph.org.nz](http://www.rph.org.nz) under the 'Health Professionals' tab