

## Facsimile Cover Sheet

### Wharangi Nama Waea

Date/Te Ra: **13 November 2014**

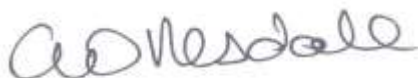
<b>To/Kia:</b> General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, After-hours Centers and Paediatricians, ID Physicians, Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region	<b>From/Na:</b>
<b>Name of Agency/Wahi Mahi:</b>	<b>Fax Number/Nama Waea:</b>

### Risk of secondary measles cases following international flights to New Zealand on 1-2 November

I would be grateful if you could distribute the following information from the Ministry of Health to relevant staff in your organisation.

If you would also like to receive this by email for ease of distribution, storage and retrieval please advise RPH of your email on [rph@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:rph@huttvalleydhb.org.nz).

Kind regards,



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## Public Health Alert – 13 November 2014

**To:** General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, After-hours Centres and Paediatricians, ID Physicians, Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region

**From:** Dr Annette Nesdale

### Risk of secondary measles cases following International Flights from India via Malaysia to New Zealand on 1-2 November

The Ministry of Health has advised that a passenger on the flights from India via Malaysia to New Zealand (see details below) has laboratory confirmed measles. The passenger would have been infectious when they flew on 1-2 November.

**1 November SRI LANKAN AIRLINES (UL 124)**  
2055 DEP: CHENNAI MADRAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
2215 ARR: BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**2 November SRI LANKAN AIRLINES (UL 318)**  
0040 DEP: BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
0655 ARR: KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**2 November MALAYSIA AIRLINES (MH 133)**  
0840 DEP: KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
2350 ARR: AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

We ask that you are alert for possible measles in returning travelers, especially people on the above flights. Early prodromal symptoms of fever, cough, conjunctivitis and corza could develop from 11<sup>th</sup> November with rash onset between 14-16 November. Babies too young to be immunized, or people who are not immunized or had only 1 dose of a measles vaccine are at high risk for measles.

A person with suspected measles should be promptly triaged into an area where they can be isolated from other patients and staff. Consider the use of masks for potentially infectious cases.

**Notify** Regional Public Health of any cases **of suspected measles**. The notifications line is (04) 570 9267 during office hours, or after hours via Health Link (04) 570 9007.

Resources on measles can be found at [www.rph.org.nz](http://www.rph.org.nz) under the 'Health Professionals' tab

Further advice for travellers is available at [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)

**Suspected cases of measles need to be confirmed as a matter of urgency**

