

## Facsimile Cover Sheet

### Wharangi Nama Waea

**Date/Te Ra: 27 January 2014**

<b>To/Kia:</b> Paediatricians, GP's and Practice Nurses at Primary Care Centres, After-Hours Centres and the Emergency Department in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions.	<b>From/Na:</b> Dr Margot McLean Medical Officer of Health
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### Public Health Alert

#### Information for primary care providers on measles cases in Wellington

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

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Kind regards,



Dr Margot McLean

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## Measles Alert

### Information for primary care providers on measles cases in Wellington

There have been ongoing cases of measles in New Zealand since 1 January 2014. Most cases have acquired the disease overseas or from direct contact with a person who acquired measles overseas. In the greater Wellington Region there have been three cases during this time, two in Wellington and one in Porirua. The most recent case was a young child notified last Friday who was infected in the Philippines.

### Advice for primary care/ After Hours Services/ Emergency Departments:

- Please be alert to the signs and symptoms of measles and have a low index of suspicion, particularly in patients who have just arrived from the Philippines or have been in contact with a measles case.
- Measles is highly infectious and can spread in a waiting room. A person with suspected measles should be promptly triaged into an area where they can be isolated from other staff and patients. Consider the use of masks for potentially infectious cases.
- Check measles vaccination status of all staff, and offer MMR to any staff not known to be immune. If unsure about immunity refer to Immunisation Handbook 2011, p 212.

Please 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.

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