

To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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Title:	Public Health Alert: Measles update Reminder of STI notification process

Measles update

There is one NEW case of measles in the Wellington region this week. The person appears to be linked to an earlier measles case in Wellington in late June and represents the 2nd generation of localised measles transmission in our region. The prompt use of a face mask immediately on arrival has saved a medical centre from following up waiting room contacts.

Prior to diagnosis, these people visited the following locations while infectious. The public have been advised of this via a [media release](#), the RPH Facebook and Twitter channels. Measles usually develops within 7-14 days after contact with an infectious person - so ask about these locations, dates and times if you see suspected measles cases from now until Wednesday 17 July.

- **Monday 1 July:** Jetstar flight JQ263 from Auckland to Wellington arriving at 5:10pm; Wellington Airport arrivals and luggage collection areas 5:15pm – 6:45pm
- **Tuesday 2 July:** Midnight Espresso café, Cuba Street, Wellington 4-9pm

Measles summary – 16 cases in the greater Wellington region (from 1 Jan 2019)

Age	Median 23.3 years (range 11-49 years)
Gender	7 female, 9 male
Measles immunisation status	12 unimmunised 2 report a previous measles immunisation 2 unsure if immunised
Measles first diagnosed	6 primary care, 1 at hospital, 9 became unwell in quarantine (1 additional case from outside the region was diagnosed in hospital)
Hospitalised or reviewed in hospital	5 (as above 1 additional case had contact with a hospital)
Number of contacts followed up by Public Health	267
DHB	9 CCDHB, 7 HVDHB

Further information:

- Health Pathways provides updated clinical, infection control and laboratory testing information on measles

How to notify Section C diseases (AIDS, HIV infection, syphilis and gonorrhoea)

Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) notification is DIFFERENT to other notifiable diseases and there is a separate process for each STI.

All of the forms and web-links are available via HealthPathways or at www.surv.esr.cri.nz/public_health_surveillance/sti_surveillance.php

Diagnosing clinicians fulfil their legal notification responsibility by using the processes below:

- **Gonorrhoea** notifications are directly entered on a secure web based questionnaire via this [webpage](#)
- **Syphilis** notification (for primary and secondary care) is a paper [questionnaire](#). Fax or post the completed questionnaire to ESR (address details are on the questionnaire)
- **HIV** notification - a web based questionnaire link will be sent to the diagnosing clinician following a positive laboratory result
- **AIDS** notification has 2 steps
 1. Complete the notification [form](#) and fax (04 570 9373) or post to (The Notifications Officer, Regional Public Health, Private Bag 31-907 Lower Hutt 5010) **AND**
 2. Complete a secure web based questionnaire; the link will be sent to the diagnosing clinician

Further information

- RPH website: <http://www.rph.org.nz/health-professionals/notifiable-diseases/>