

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

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Regional Public Health
Better Health For The Greater Wellington Region



To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
From:	Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health
Date:	14 October 2016
Title:	Public Health Alert: Confirmed case of measles in Queenstown

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

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Potential measles contacts associated with a Queenstown hospitality worker

Public Health South has been notified of a confirmed case of measles in Queenstown. The person was infectious from 5th to 15th October and was at a number of locations (see list below) during this time period. Queenstown's tourism focus leads to a large number of visitors, both domestic and international. As such there is potential for the case to have **had contacts that are now distributed across New Zealand**.

Susceptible people could show **early signs of measles from Saturday 15th October** (usually 10-14 days after exposure).

If you see someone with an illness consistent with measles please ask about potential exposure at the following locations:

- Seoul Garden Restaurant in O'Connell Mall, Queenstown from 5 – 9 October
- Bus service between Lake Hayes Estate and downtown Queenstown at 8.50am on 6 October
- Crew Stylists, Louis Vuitton Building, The Mall, Queenstown on 5 October
- Queenstown Medical Centre on 10th, 11th or 12th October

Suspected measles is notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health on 04 570 9002.

Further information on measles can be found at:

- www.rph.org.nz/content/9910a8bd-7bd0-42db-bf76-7fe45cbc5447.html
- www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles
- www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles/measles-frequently-asked-questions

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

