

To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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Title:	Measles update in the greater Wellington region

Regional Public Health has been notified of two NEW cases of measles in the Wellington region. The two people appear to be linked to an event in Auckland in mid-September.

One of the cases attended a large community gathering while infectious, prior to diagnosis with measles. We have circulated information to attendees at the gathering, advising them of the need to contact Regional Public Health if not immune to measles. We have also advised that they seek medical attention or to call Healthline if they develop measles symptoms, and to phone before they attend a healthcare provider.

Please have a heightened suspicion for measles in people who:

- Attended a concert at **Niblick Hall, Titahi Bay, Porirua** on the evening of **Monday 30 September 2019**, and
- presenting with acute prodrome symptoms (fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis) or with morbilliform rash. Onset of symptoms could occur between Monday 7 October and Monday 14 October.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping control measles in our region.

Further information:

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