
To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in Porirua, Wellington northern suburbs and Kapiti Coast
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Title:	Public Health Alert: Measles exposures at Kenepuru Accident & Medical Clinic

Please distribute the following information to relevant staff in your organisation.

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Measles exposures at Kenepuru Accident & Medical Clinic

Regional Public Health (RPH) has been advised that a person with measles was present in the waiting area at Kenepuru Accident & Medical (A&M) Clinic while infectious, prior to diagnosis. The person was accompanying another person seeking medical care.

There were 52 other people seeking medical care at Kenepuru A&M who were exposed while the measles case was in the waiting area; in addition to these people, accompanying family and friends were also exposed. RPH is in the process of making contact with these people to assess their measles immunity and to advise accordingly.

Please have a heightened suspicion for measles in people who:

- were present in the **Kenepuru Accident & Medical Clinic** waiting area at any time between **9:30am and 2:00pm on Saturday 28 September 2019**, either as patients or accompanying persons, and
- present with acute prodrome symptoms (fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis) or with morbilliform rash. Onset of prodrome symptoms could occur between Saturday 5 October and Wednesday 16 October; rash onset could be as late as Saturday 19 October.

Thank you for all the great work you are all doing to stop measles spreading in our communities.

Further information:

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