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# vaccinews

Educating and informing you on all things immunisation

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As Wairarapa, Hutt Valley and Capital and Coast DHBs start to work more closely together this is a great time to share our successes and news across the region. We hope you find this informative.

## Cold Chain Accreditation (CCA)

Please remember that all cold chain policies are due for review every year. The policy template provided by IMAC and the MoH are meant to be a guideline as to what you should include. It is important to ensure when your CCA review is due that you have an up-to-date policy that accurately reflects how you manage cold chain.

Another essential standard that many providers fail to achieve is the monthly downloading of dataloggers. If a provider has a cold chain failure, a datalogger will show for how long the excursion has lasted and at what temperatures. This enables us to make an accurate decision as to whether the vaccines need to be wasted.

Cold Chain Accreditation is an essential requirement for all those who provide vaccines, and you can only get three years CCA if you achieve all the standards.

## MoH immunisation targets

MoH targets are measured at the end of every quarter.

It is important that we continue to maintain our eight month and two year old immunisation figures of 95% coverage.

The below table shows the milestone ages for the three month period ending 2 September 2015:

DHB	Age	Total (%)	NZE (%)	Māori (%)	Pacific (%)	Asian (%)	Other (%)	Declined (%)
HVDHB	8 month	94	97	88	95	96	90	3.2
HVDHB	24 month	94	95	94	95	97	89	4.0
CCDHB	8 month	95	96	94	88	96	96	1.8
CCDHB	24 month	95	94	95	98	98	90	4.3
WDHB	8 month	97	96	100	100	100	100	0.8
WDHB	24 month	94	91	98	100	100	100	5.1

## Training courses

Please see the IMAC website [www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz) for information on the training dates. Online application and credit card payment is available.

Education dates remaining this year:

Name	Location	Date
Immunisation information course, for non-vaccinators	Wellington	9 September
Vaccinator training course – 2 days	Totara Lodge in the Hutt Valley	28-29 October
Immunisation update	Auditorium, Learning Centre, Hutt Hospital	4 November, 5.30pm
Vaccinator training course – flexible learning	Wellington	2 December

# Infant immunisation campaign – Aug-Sep 2015



A campaign is being run to support the achievement of the government target of 95 percent of eight-month-olds being fully immunised by the end of September 2015. The Health Promotion Agency has developed the campaign in partnership with The Ministry of Health.

## PRIORITY AUDIENCES

The focus of this campaign is on motivating people who currently delay undertaking immunisations for their baby to get them immunised. It will target regions currently below the government target with the largest populations, specifically Waikato, Waitemata, Bay of Plenty and Counties Manukau. Some of the promotional activity will also reach a national audience.

## KEY MESSAGES AND CALL TO ACTION

- Immunising your child on time protects babies from some serious diseases.
- These diseases can make your baby extremely sick. The effects can last for years.
- Delaying or missing immunisation puts your child's health at risk.
- Book an appointment with your doctor or nurse to arrange for their immunisation now.

## CREATIVE APPROACH

The communications intentionally aim to alert parents to the seriousness of the impacts of preventable diseases, and that on time immunisation provides their best protection. The resources are video 'bites', postcard flyers and online banners.

# A reminder about pre-call and recall processes

## PRE-CALLS

All patients/parents should be contacted prior to their immunisation due date in order to be vaccinated on time. This can be done either a week or a day before depending on your patients' and practice requirements.

## RECALLS

- If the patient fails to attend their first appointment they should be contacted the following week, either by letter or preferably by phone in order to arrange a new appointment.
- If the patient then fails to respond or attend the second appointment, they should be contacted again within the next two weeks, again by letter or phone/text.
- If they fail to contact or attend a third appointment, please refer the patient to the Outreach Immunisation Service, via Julia Small the NIR Administrator.

This means that within a month of their immunisation date the patient has been contacted three times – once before the appointment and twice after the appointment – and then referred to OIS.

*In order to achieve our eight month targets timeliness is very important. Prompt follow up and recalls should be done within a short time-frame in order for vaccinations to be given on time.*

For those families who you know do not respond after three attempts and are within the eight month age range, please refer them to OIS after they miss their first appointment.

Children from overseas must have their vaccinations backfilled on your PMS or they will always be overdue. If you need help with these please let us know.

# Influenza update 2015

Hospitals and primary care are very busy. So far Regional Public Health has been notified of 12 outbreaks in schools, Long Term Care Facilities and Early Childhood Centres. The circulating strains are in this year's vaccine, and strains detected are mostly type A (H3N2) and B strains.

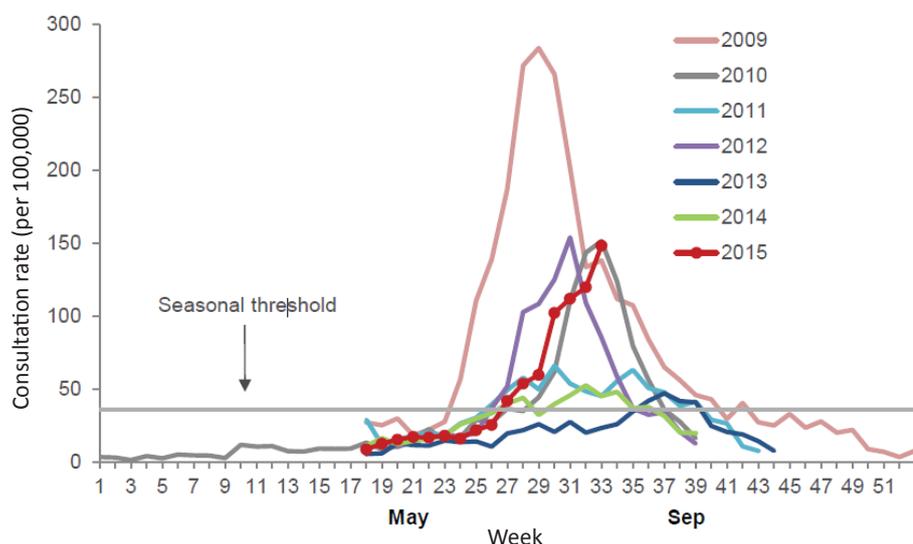
The vaccine is funded until 11 September. Please encourage those with chronic conditions to be vaccinated.

PHARMAC expanded the groups eligible for free influenza immunisation from 1 July 2015.

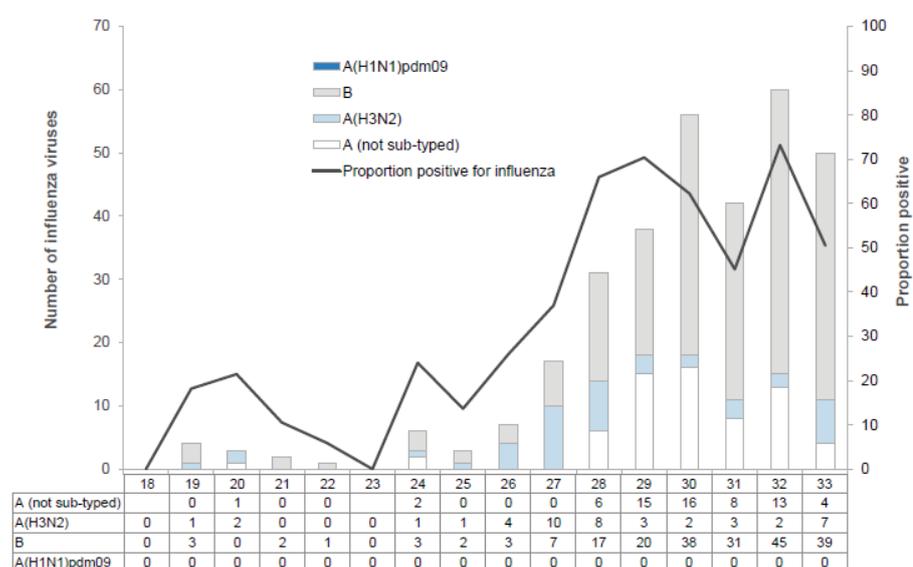
Individuals aged six months or older with any of the following conditions are eligible to receive free influenza immunisation from 1 July 2015:

- Down syndrome.
- A cochlear implant.
- An error of metabolism at risk of major metabolic decompensation.
- Pre- or post- splenectomy.

## Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2009-2015



## Total influenza viruses from sentinel surveillance by type and week reported, week 18-33 and the total percentage positive from the swabs received



In addition, 981 swabs were received by virology laboratories from non-sentinel surveillance. Of these, 429 influenza viruses were identified: B (not lineage-typed) (222), A (not sub-typed) (138), A (H3N2) (61) including one A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like, B/Brisbane/60/2008-like (4), B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (3), and A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like (1).

# NIR UPDATE



Please tell the NIR administrator:

- when children have been vaccinated overseas, so this can be back-filled on NIR, ideally you should do this on your PMS system
- when patients are transferred, and to where – need their GP and address details
- when new staff are appointed – they need to complete an AUA.

## IN BRIEF

### BOOSTRIX AND PREGNANCY REMINDER

Please also remember that a Boostrix should be offered **WITH EVERY PREGNANCY**, i.e. if they have three pregnancies in three years they should have three Boostrix vaccinations in that time. Offer this PHARMAC-funded vaccine between 28-38 weeks.

### NEW BCG NURSE FOR CCDHB

Welcome to Jodie Kelly the new BCG nurse for CCDHB. Jodie has recently been working at Neonatal ICU in Wellington.



Jodie will be based at Regional Public Health in the Hutt Hospital.

### IMMUNISATION COORDINATOR SECONDMENT

From Monday 14 September 2015, Tracey Green, the HVDHB Immunisation Coordinator, will be on secondment to the Healthy Environments and Disease Control Group as a Disease Control Public Health Nurse. The secondment will cover maternity leave for one year until August 2016. This will be a great opportunity to learn more skills which will be complimentary to Tracey's immunisation role.

The Immunisation Coordinator role will be advertised soon as a short term position.

# Wairarapa DHB update



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## CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Please be aware that I will be conducting random clinical assessments for Wairarapa vaccinators. As a lot of our nurse's work in isolation, this will enable you to be peer reviewed, discuss any issues or concerns, and enable me to further support those of you who may require it.

## IMMUNISATION WORKING PARTY MEETING

These meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month and a representative from each medical centre attends. If you have any pressing immunisation issues you would like discussed at this meeting, please feel free to contact me or your representative.

These meetings are also open to anyone who would like to attend.

# Hutt Valley DHB update



Tracey Green, Hutt Valley Immunisation Coordinator; Office: 04 570 9798; Mobile: 027 557 7241  
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**Please send all Outreach referrals for practices in the Hutt Valley to Julia Small. You must complete the form with all the details, do *not* send to directly to OIS.**

## THANKS TO...

HVDHB Occupational Health and the hospital vaccinators for such a proactive influenza immunisation campaign- we achieved 64% coverage of our hospital staff.

## VIRTUAL CHOCY FISH AWARD

This goes to Melanie Kennedy, the Hutt Valley BCG nurse. Melanie has managed to give BCG vaccines to the Hutt Valley and Wellington babies over the last few months while we have been waiting for a new BCG nurse for CCDHB. This has kept Melanie very busy and we appreciate all her hard work.

Thanks also to Jenny Gray and Kelly-Ann Hill, members of the Immunisation Team in Wellington, for their assistance during this busy time.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can" – Michael Korda.

## HVING MEETING UPDATE

The dates for 2015 are on Tuesdays at 1.00-2.30pm in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, Regional Public Health, Community Health Building, Hutt Hospital:

- 10 November

All interested people are invited to attend.

# Capital & Coast DHB update



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**CCDHB Immunisation Coordination and NIR Administration has been transferred to Compass Health PHO. The NIR Administrator for CCDHB is now Lisa Younger who is based at Wairarapa Compass Health.**

## A BIG THANK YOU TO...

All our vaccination providers in primary, secondary care, pharmacies and OHSS/ workplace vaccinators, for your hard work over the recent Influenza 2015 vaccination season. Despite the late start, primary and secondary care staff

worked extra hard to prioritise those that needed vaccinating first and then also bring in others in a timely manner. Pharmacies and workplace vaccinators also offered immunisation proactively and opportunistically. This has all contributed to the good uptake this year.

VacciNews includes contributions from: Julia Small; Tina Tyacke; Louise Lewis and Tracey Green.



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