

## **Mission Statement**

A team of motivated health professionals working together with schools and communities to encourage positive health outcomes.

## Public Health - Wellington Region

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National Public Health Service - Wellington Region offers a range of services throughout the greater Wellington region including:

- · Health promotion
- · Health protection
- Communicable disease prevention
- Public Health Nurses in early childhood centres (Wairarapa only)

These services can be accessed by contacting Public Health - Wellington Region on 04 570 9002.

#### **Contact Us**

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### **District Offices**

Lower Hutt: Hutt Hospital, High Street,

**Lower Hutt** 

Porirua: Level 3, City Fitness Building,

1 Walton Leigh Avenue, Porirua

Wairarapa: Level 2, 49-51 Lincoln Road,

Masterton

# Child Health Cluster

The Child Health Cluster is part of National Public Health Service, delivering health services to the greater Wellington region

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## The Child Health Team

Our services are confidential, provided free of charge and available Monday to Friday. While our focus is on schools in high needs areas, every school has access to a Public Health Nurse.

#### **Public Health Nurses**

- Support children referred by parents/ caregivers or schools
- Assess, advocate and refer to hospital, outpatients, specialists or education services
- Link children and families with community and social services
- Support access to health care
- Focus on high need areas to advise and support schools
- Respond to pandemics and public health emergencies

#### **Immunisation Nurses**

Provide Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 girls and boys HPV vaccines in schools.

#### **BCG Nurses**

Provide eligible babies up to six months old with the BCG vaccine from a Lead Maternity Carer referral.

Children up to five years will also be seen following a discussion with the nurses.

#### **Health Promotion Activities**

Public Health Nurses promote a range of activities in schools including:

- Smoke-free living
- SunSmart
- Mental well-being
- Oral health
- Healthy eating
- Physical activity
- · Healthy relationships
- Resources and regular information
- Water-only school

## **Community Mobile Ear Clinic**

The Porirua Community Mobile Ear Clinic is a free nurse-led service for children aged 0-18 years.

#### The Far Nurses:

- Have specialist knowledge of ears and associated problems
- Offer assessment of ears, advice and some minor treatment
- Refer children to Audiology, Ear, Nose and Throat clinics and other health and education services

## **Vision and Hearing Technicians**

Provide vision and hearing screening and advice in early childhood centres, B4 School Check clinics, schools and health centres.