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Measles in Auckland – 157 cases

- Currently the majority of confirmed measles cases are occurring in South Auckland – CMDHB 69, WDHB 64 and ADHB 24.
- You may order serology to establish immunity in a contact of a case, especially when the result will impact on work or school attendance.
- Please ensure you inform all patients of PCR results – positive or negative.

Measles cases in primary care

- **Test for suspected measles with urgent PCR.**
- **Please notify ARPHS using the notification form faxed to 09 630 7431**, you do not need to phone us to confirm. You may call for advice.
- **Provide advice to suspected cases from the [Measles Whānau Pack](#) or our website.**
- **As the test requestor, please tell your patients the results of PCR tests.** Some will be in isolation waiting for the result, or will have warned schools and early learning services.
- The updated process is outlined in the [clinical pathway flowchart](#), and on Regional HealthPathways.

Promote MMR vaccination

- **Actively schedule MMR vaccination for 12 month old children.**
- **Recall unvaccinated children aged 1 to 5 years for MMR1.**
- **Opportunistically vaccinate: non-immune parents accompanying a suspected measles case, and anyone else under 50 years with uncertain vaccination status.**
- **Offer MMR vaccination for children from 6 months if they are travelling** to countries where there are currently measles outbreaks such as the US, Japan and the Philippines. [See the Ministry of Health website for more information](#). MMR administered to infants aged 6 – 12 months is categorised as MMR0. They will still require MMR1 and MMR2.