

Summary

- Mumps outbreak in Auckland – half of cases affecting school-age children
- ARPHS plans to ask parents to check immunisation status with GPs
- Practices are requested to prioritise mumps vaccinations

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Call for vaccinations to combat mumps outbreak

The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is managing a mumps outbreak in Auckland. More than half of the cases are occurring in children and teens aged 10-19 years.

ARPHS is distributing a ‘call to action’ for parents this week and a media release. The objective is to encourage families to check their children are fully immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine.

Practices may receive additional phone calls from parents and whanau as a result of this communication.

Mumps can spread quickly among those who are not immune, particularly in schools. A single child with mumps at secondary school could cause an outbreak at the school, because immunity in that age group is well below the national average. 39 cases have been confirmed in Auckland since January 1 2017.

For information on the Auckland mumps outbreak click [here](#).

For more information on vaccination click [here](#).

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