

Nine confirmed measles cases in Auckland

- The total number of confirmed measles cases in Auckland is now **nine**.
- If you suspect measles clinically, please notify ARPHS immediately, take a swab for PCR and isolate.
- Do not send your patients directly to a Labtests collection centre.
- Check updated information on the [Auckland Regional HealthPathways](#).

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There are now nine confirmed measles cases in Auckland this year, up from four last week

Four of the new cases are household members of an existing case.

One new case visited supermarkets in Silverdale and Orewa while infectious on Monday March 18 and the Parakai Four Square on Wednesday March 20.

A media release has gone out suggesting that people who may have been exposed to measles watch for symptoms and check their vaccination status. If patients call, we recommend suggesting they look in their or their children's Well Child Book. It would be helpful if your practice nurse could check your records for those who can't find this information.

If you suspect measles clinically, please notify ARPHS immediately (including the patient's measles immunisation status), take a swab for PCR, and isolate.

Updated measles information on HealthPathways

[Auckland Regional HealthPathways](#) has new advice including Infection Prevention and Control measures:

- If an infectious patient has been in a room, stop using this room for at least 60 minutes
- Clean with any broad spectrum disinfectant (e.g. Vircon, Viraclean, Clinell) or a 0.5% bleach (sodium hypchlorite) solution
- Have measles [signage](#) at the entry to your practice
- Have a plan for patients who phone ahead concerned about measles e.g. ask them to call from their car, give them a surgical mask and take them directly to identified room
- Check staff immunity

More measles information: [Auckland Regional Public Health Service website](#)
[Ministry of Health](#)
[The Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)