

December/Tihema 2020

Public Health Bulletin

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou. Christmas greetings to you all!

MMR Catch Up Campaign

Introducing Kylie

Public Health are excited that Waikato DHB has appointed Kylie Bryant (Ngaati Maniapoto) to support the implementation of the national MMR catch up campaign in our rohe. Kylie has an obvious dedication and passion for improving health outcomes for our rangatahi and their whānau.



Ngāa mihi kia koutou moo te waa whakataa!

Ko Kakepuku te Maunga
Ko Waipa Te Awa
Ko Tainui te Waka
Ko Ngaati Urunumia te Hapuu
Ko Ngaati Maniapoto te iwi
Ko te Nehenehenui taaku ukaipo

Ko Kylie Bryant ahau

Teena koutou e te whaanau I'm Kylie your MMR catch up campaign project manager for the Waikato rohe. Over the summer you will be seeing and hearing more about the national campaign to close the immunisation gaps with our 15-30 year olds. Feel free to contact me at:
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Our local campaign

The national MMR catch up campaign is designed to engage rangatahi aged between 15-30 years, a group who may have missed out on their measles immunisation during childhood.

Our local programme will be built around the highly successful Whānau Hauora Mobile Response, developed earlier this year in response to COVID-19.

The Whānau Hauora Mobile Response is an Iwi led collaboration and has previously demonstrated significant success in delivering flu vaccinations for high priority Māori populations across the Waikato region. The infrastructure for this service remains in place and in some areas is already engaged in increasing MMR vaccinations amongst rangatahi Māori as well as offering a holistic kaupapa Māori approach to supporting some of the wider health and social needs of our whānau.

COVID-19: Update

Make Summer Unstoppable

This will be the first summer that Aotearoa New Zealand has experienced under COVID-19 conditions. To try and prevent COVID-19 disrupting the festive season and our beloved New Zealand summer the "Make Summer Unstoppable" campaign commenced last week. This campaign is aimed at keeping individuals, whānau and the wider community safe by ensuring we continue with the good habits that have helped to restrict the spread of COVID-19 so far. The key messages you will see being promoted are:

1. Wash your hands
2. Scan QR codes
3. Turn on Bluetooth tracing in your NZ COVID tracer app
4. Stay home and recover if you are feeling unwell

Additional resources for business and organisations to support this campaign and "Make Summer Unstoppable" can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 vaccine planning

It is expected that a COVID-19 vaccine will be available for use in New Zealand during the second quarter of 2021. Under current circumstances (no community transmission) it is anticipated that the first people to be offered vaccination will be those who work at the border or in managed isolation and quarantine facilities, healthcare workers with high risk of exposure and the household contacts of the above groups. Te Tiriti o Waitangi and equity will continue to be the driving principals behind delivery of the vaccine throughout the Waikato. In anticipation of this, planning has begun to ensure the appropriate processes and infrastructure are in place to support an equitable and accessible immunisation programme that is responsive to the needs of our local population.

Notifiable diseases – November 2020 compared to November 2019 (Waikato DHB)

Disease name	Waikato ¹				YTD		
	2019	2020	Change	2019-2020	Waikato	National	% ²
Campylobacteriosis	71	61	-10	▼	516	4,431	12
Chikungunya fever	1	0	-1	▼	0	6	0
COVID-19	0	0	0	-	194	2,084	9
Cryptosporidiosis	5	5	0	-	110	713	15
Dengue fever	4	0	-4	▼	3	49	6
Gastroenteritis - unknown cause	0	1	1	▲	5	135	4
Gastroenteritis / foodborne intoxication	10	9	-1	▼	34	202	17
Giardiasis	12	13	1	▲	144	1,055	14
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	-	1	21	5
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	-	5	25	20
Hepatitis NOS	2	0	-2	▼	2	13	15
Invasive pneumococcal disease	5	4	-1	▼	39	307	13
Latent tuberculosis infection	0	0	0	-	10	122	8
Lead Poisoning	1	0	-1	▼	8	91	9
Legionellosis	1	1	0	-	7	153	5
Leptospirosis	1	2	1	▲	16	57	28
Listeriosis	0	0	0	-	3	28	11
Malaria	0	0	0	-	1	15	7
Measles	1	0	-1	▼	0	9	0
Meningococcal disease	0	0	0	-	4	30	13
Mumps	14	0	-14	▼	2	144	1
Murine Typhus	0	0	0	-	1	2	50
Pertussis	5	0	-5	▼	14	163	9
Rheumatic fever - initial attack	1	2	1	▲	20	140	14
Rheumatic fever - recurrent attack	0	0	0	-	1	11	9
Rickettsial disease	0	0	0	-	2	5	40
Salmonellosis	7	11	4	▲	71	648	11
Shigellosis	0	0	0	-	8	77	10
Taeniasis	0	0	0	-	1	5	20
Tuberculosis disease - new case	5	5	0	-	29	294	10
Typhoid fever	1	0	-1	▼	0	24	0
VTEC/STEC infection	7	3	-4	▼	82	774	11
Yersiniosis	10	10	0	-	99	1,166	8

¹Number of cases. Source Waikato DHB.

²Waikato Year to Date (YTD) count as a proportion of national data.

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