

Kia ora koutou

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A measles case has been identified in Northland. This case has no history of international travel and no contact with the previous cases in the past fortnight.

This student attended a Wellington drama course at Scots College last week with attendees from around the country.

There are several additional exposure events, particularly in Wellington, but also a Jetstar flight number JQ258 on 3 October Wellington to Auckland. The Te Whatu Ora Exposure Event Page is currently being updated with all identified locations of interest and will be live this afternoon.

All close contacts are being followed up, however, please maintain clinical vigilance for potential measles. Isolate on suspicion and notify your local public health service immediately. See [HealthPathways](#).

Please prioritise MMR vaccination activity in practices (recall and opportunistic). Māori and Pacific infants are highest priority populations.

The latest media release is available [here](#):

If measles is suspected:

- Please notify the Medical Officer of Health as soon as you suspect measles – do not wait for a laboratory confirmation.
- Arrange nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal sampling, using viral swab, for measles PCR. Include clinical details and symptom onset. Contact local laboratory if further information on testing is required.
- Isolate patient immediately and maintain IPC measures.
- Check [Health Pathways](#) for further up-to-date measles assessment and management information.

Also please note:

- Primary care is encouraged to find out if their staff are immune to measles. If there is measles exposure on-site, immunisation records may be requested.
- As measles is increasing globally, please consider measles in those presenting with symptoms who have recently travelled overseas to countries with active outbreaks.
- Children under one year travelling to countries with active measles outbreaks can be offered MMR vaccine from aged 4 months on prescription. Refer to the immunisation handbook or contact IMAC for further detail.

Resources

On the [Te Whatu Ora website](#), you will find:

- A [general information factsheet](#) about measles
- Poster to be put up in public places [asking for people to stay home if they have measles](#)
- Posters for venues [where an exposure event has taken place](#) to sign post potential contacts to further information
- Poster for venues where an exposure event has taken place, to provide [details of when exposure event took place](#) and what potential contacts should do next.

All posters are [available in 18 additional languages](#)

The National Immunisation Programme has a [Dropbox of Resources](#)<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/g8ud8nsh6pbykt50dbuwd/h?rlkey=l3e3vnc5xh7lami22610zrobm&dl=0> to help promote MMR vaccination. These are available for free download.