

Event	Measles update: Wairarapa outbreak increases to 8 cases with one case in the Manawatu region.
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To	Chief Medical Officers, Hospital Specialists, After-Hours Centres, Emergency Departments, Primary Care providers, Urgent Care providers, Primary Care sector representatives, Pharmacy providers, regional Infection Prevention and Control teams, regional Occupational Health teams, IMAC, NZ College of Midwives, NZ Microbiology Network, Diagnostic Laboratories, HealthPathways, Healthline, Ka Ora, Healthify, NPHS national and regional services, Medical Officers of Health, regional Comms Leads including Hauora Māori & Pacific Health, Office of the Director of Public Health (Manatū Hauora).

Situational update as of 17 July 2025

Please share this public health advisory with your kaimahi networks for their information.

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Summary

Further to the public health advisory issued on 9 July 2025, NPHS is advising clinicians that there are now 8 cases linked to the Wairarapa measles outbreak. This includes one new case based in the Manawatu. The new cases are all known close contacts of the index case.

One of the new cases had an atypical presentation which means that they may have been infectious (although not symptomatic) for one day before going into quarantine. Although the risk to the wider community is considered low, a small number of new casual contact locations of interest (LOIs) have been identified for Friday 11 July. Details of the LOIs are available here [Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand](#).

The National Public Health Service (NPHS) is asking healthcare professionals to remain vigilant for measles, particularly in anyone who has travelled overseas or was present at a location of interest at the specified time, and to notify their local public health service immediately of all suspected cases.

Key messages for healthcare professionals

- Be alert for measles in anyone presenting with measles-like symptoms within 21 days of their return from overseas travel, particularly if they are unvaccinated or have only received one measles vaccine.
- Notify your local public health service immediately of all suspected cases – do not wait for test results. Please check your local [HealthPathways](#) page for details.
- Promote Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination to anyone who is not immune to

measles including staff and patients planning to travel overseas. Be aware of potential immunity gaps in adults born between 1969 and 2004.

- Consider offering a dose of MMR 0 for infants aged 4 months to 11 months before overseas travel. These infants will still need two doses of MMR after they turn 12 months old.
 - See IMAC for further information www.immune.org.nz/factsheets/mmr-dose-zero-pre-vaccination-screening-tool
- Continue to focus on delivering on-time MMR vaccination of children aged <2 years and any other children who have missed out on MMR.

Further information

- Public Health Advisory 7 July 2025
- [Health Pathways](#)
- [Measles | info.health](#)
- [Measles | Healthify](#)
- Immunisation Advisory Centre – [Measles resources](#)
- Downloadable immunisation collateral for providers about measles is available from the following sources:
 - [Dropbox — National Immunisation Programme - vaccine resources](#)
 - [HealthEd](#)
 - [Bluestar portal](#)