

Clinical : Measles Clinics
Proactive Release: 30 October 2019

16 September 2019

9(2)(a)

Email: 9(2)(a)

Dear 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 09 September 2019. You requested the following information:

- A breakdown of age and ethnicity of the individuals who have had measles vaccinations at community drop-in clinics and hospital clinics since they were set up in response to measles in the area.
- An estimate of how many individuals in the Counties Manukau DHB are unimmunised against measles.

Our response to each question, at this time is below:

1. A breakdown of age and ethnicity of the individuals who have had measles vaccinations at community drop-in clinics and hospital clinics since they were set up in response to measles in the area.

As you'll be aware, since early 2019 Counties Manukau Health has been responding to a community-wide outbreak of measles in our community, with significant resources now dedicated to both prevention and treatment of new cases.

We can confirm the following details related to the community drop-in vaccination clinics, which ran between 26 August and 12 September 2019 in Counties Manukau. This data does not include any vaccinations completed in General Practice, or by School and Well-child nursing services in the same period.

People who have had the measles vaccination	number
Community drop-in clinics	4,582
Hospital clinics	558
Total	5,140

Table 1 - Data as at 12/09/2019. Note: these numbers will vary due to timing.

We are collecting additional demographic data as part of the vaccination consent and registration process, including demographics. This information will be entered in to the National Immunisation Register (NIR) in due course, but that process is not complete at this stage.

We anticipate that there will be additional data analysis of this activity, at the close of the programme. We can share that analysis and information with you when it is complete.

We are now focussing on targeted vaccination of those most at risk, including very young children and youth.

- **An estimate of how many individuals in the Counties Manukau DHB are unimmunised against measles.**

In regards to an estimate of unvaccinated people in our community, there is no data currently available on this. The Counties Manukau region includes more than 569,000 people, and a large proportion of young people (123,500 children). Very young people (under 4 years) in the region are not fully immunised, and people born after 1969 and before 1992, will have received only one MMR vaccine. We are also mindful that immigrants arriving in NZ as adults may not have had access to childhood vaccination schedules.

We have worked hard in recent years to increase the completion of childhood vaccinations according to the schedule. CM Health has higher than national rates of immunisation at 24 months and at 5 years of age and historically high rates of immunisation in Pacific populations. In June 2019, against the national target of 95%, we achieved 93% for the total 8-month population having primary vaccinations on time (Māori: 84%, Pacific: 95%, Asian: 98%). Note these rates are for 8-month scheduled vaccinations, and separate to the MMR schedule.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', is written over a light blue grid background.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health