

Clinical: Measles Response
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Via email

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, received by us on 12 November 2019, on transfer from the Ministry of Health under Section 14 of the Act. You requested the following information:

- **How many pop up clinics have been held since the outbreak - where and when?**
- **What is the uptake of vaccinations at the pop up clinics to date - breakdown of numbers per pop up location requested.**
- **Have any clinics been cancelled because of a lack of supply?**
- **Is there an intention for pop up clinics to continue?**

As context for this response, Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people), as well as regional and supra-regional specialist services (Burns, Plastics and Orthopaedics). Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient/ ambulatory and community-based models of care.

CM Health has worked closely with our metro Auckland counterparts, Waitemata DHB and Auckland DHB, as well as the Auckland Regional Public Health Service, through the metro Auckland Incident Management Team (IMT) to ensure a co-ordinated response to the current measles outbreak.

- **How many pop-up clinics have been held since the outbreak - where and when?**

We have organised a range of 'drop in' and public clinics to enable vaccination across the Counties Manukau region since 28 August 2019. These clinics were all completed by 31 October 2019, and are summarised below (**table 1**).

Clinic location	dates	vaccinations
Manukau Super Clinic	28 August – 11 September	5,291
Clendon Public Health Nurse clinic	28 August – 11 September	
Emergency Dept - Middlemore	23 August – 25 September	
Middlemore Campus (wards etc)	03 Sept – 19 September	
Plunket team outreach	05 Sept – 31 October	

Clinic location	dates	vaccinations
Weekend clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mangere township Otara township Free Church of Tonga 	07 and 08 September 07 and 08 September 31 August	618
Workplace clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air New Zealand Fisher and Paykel 	18 and 19 September 22 September	371
Local Secondary Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alfriston College Aorere College De La Salle College James Cook High Kia Aroha College Mangere College Manurewa High Papakura High Papatoetoe High School Rosehill College Seventh Day Adventist Southern Cross Tangaroa Tuakau College Wesley College 	Between 03 Sept and 31 October Typically 1-2 days per school at weekends. These clinics were open to students and their families.	937

Table 1

We note this data is only for the additional public 'drop-in' CM Health clinics, arranged as a part of our Outbreak Response.

It does not reflect any vaccinations provided in Primary Care services, or as a part of the National Immunisation Schedule programme in other services. There is also regular and ongoing communication to encourage people to see their General Practice to receive a free MMR vaccine.

- **What is the uptake of vaccinations at the pop up clinics to date - breakdown of numbers per pop up location requested.**

In total, these clinics have vaccinated 7,217 people, including 937 in secondary schools, and 371 at key Counties Manukau work places.

This total *does not* include the vaccine numbers completed at clinics occurring now to target earlier vaccination of babies aged 6-11 months old. These clinics commenced on 02 November 2019, as per the details below, and will continue until mid-December. Until then we cannot confirm total number of vaccines completed per clinic location. At the time of request, the clinics are scheduled as below.

Locations	dates
Kidz First Community Clinic, Clendon Shopping Centre	02, 09, 23 November
Mangere Community Health Hub,	02, 09, 16, 30 November

Locations	dates
10 Waddon Place, Mangere	
Clover Park Community House, 6A Israel Avenue, Clover Park	07 and 14 December
Papakura Birthing Unit, 2 Clevedon Road, Papakura	23 and 30 November
Pukekohe Hospital, 1 Tuakau Road, Pukekohe	16 November and 14 December
St John's Hall, 4 Court Street, Waiuku	07 December

Table 2

- **Have any clinics been cancelled because of a lack of supply?**

No drop-in measles vaccinations clinics have been cancelled.

- **Is there an intention for pop up clinics to continue?**

The metro-Auckland measles Incident Management Team (IMT), which brings together the region's DHBs is considering the need for further clinics.

We are also promoting additional key messages in response to the measles outbreak, including the importance of checking immunisation status, the greater current risk of exposure and the benefits of vaccination. These are consistent with the messages from the Immunisation Advisory Centre and the Auckland Regional Public Health service.

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,



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