

## Imported measles case confirmed in Auckland

- This is to let primary care know of an imported measles case confirmed in Auckland.
- Passengers on a Kuala Lumpur flight arriving April 15 are being contacted and a media alert has been issued.
- ARPHS is also contacting patients in the North Shore's Apollo Medical Centre waiting room on Monday 16 April, when the measles case presented.
- Measles is circulating in many Asian countries with travel warnings for the Philippines.

### 24 April 2018

A person infectious with measles landed at Auckland International Airport at 11.00pm on Sunday April 15 from Kuala Lumpur and travelled to the Apollo Medical Centre the next day.

Since then the case and household contacts have remained in isolation at home on the North Shore.

The exposures have been limited to 15 and 16 April. This means if there were any secondary cases they will appear from today until the end of the month.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is contacting passengers on the Malaysia Airlines flight MH133 to check immunity and advise vaccination or quarantine.

The service is also contacting patients in the Apollo Medical Centre waiting room when the case presented on Monday 16 April

This is the only confirmed case of measles in the Auckland region at the moment. There is no evidence to date of community spread.

However general practice should be aware a number of countries overseas continue to have measles outbreaks, including parts of Europe, Asia (particularly the Philippines, Vietnam, India and China), Africa and Chile. Closer to home, there have been outbreaks in the Pacific in parts of Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as in New Zealand.

Please use this case as an opportunity to promote MMR vaccination to any patients who have not been fully vaccinated, especially those travelling overseas.

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