

Public Health Bulletin

Teena koutou katoa and ngaa mihi o te Tau Hou. We hope you enjoy this edition of the Waikato Public Health Bulletin.

COVID-19 Update

To date, over 2.7 million first boosters and 744,778 second boosters have been administered in Aotearoa New Zealand. This brings the total doses administered to over 11,968,899. Book your vaccines or find your nearest walk-in clinic at <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>

Remember that if you test positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 7 days. You can find your nearest testing site at <https://healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/> or order free RAT tests online at https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/?_ga=2.24269766.1760247444.1674003295-1524652011.1674003295

MMR Update

Measles is a serious illness. Protect tamariki from measles, mumps and rubella by getting vaccinated with the MMR vaccine. Tamariki need two doses of MMR to be fully protected. The first dose is given at 12 months old and the second dose at 15 months. Call your Primary Care practice to book in MMR doses. You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 if you have any questions.

Rangatahi aged between 15 and 30 years old may have missed out on MMR immunisations. This means they may be more susceptible of catching measles and spreading it to others. If people between 15 and 30 years are unsure of their vaccination status, they can contact their Primary Care practice to check. If they are not sure, it is safe to have an extra dose of the MMR vaccine.



K'aute Pasifika opening day

K'aute Pasifika hosted a week long celebration surrounding the Village opening on Seddon Road, Hamilton (17-22 January 2023). The village development journey has taken K'aute over 20 years to finally achieve, so this was a historic occasion.

The village comprises a multi-purpose fale, a Primary Care service, and an early learning centre. The village will strengthen the existing integrated Pacific model of care services.

The formal opening ceremony was attended by many people. It began with the blessing and burial of the Mauri stone gifted by Mana whenua followed by karakia. There was a formal address by the Minister for Pacific Peoples - Hon Aupito William Sio, a kava ceremony, presentation of the lei of unity by the different Pacific groups, cultural performances, and interactive activities with everyone present.

Waikato Public Health Service is proud to work alongside Pacific providers and community partners, including K'aute Pasifika. The Public Health Service has supported K'aute in the early village development consultation stages with Pacific communities. Congratulations K'aute on opening the fale!



Figure 1. Vae Keung, Health Improvement Advisor, and Tamati Peni with Hon Aupito William Sio at K'aute Pasifika Opening Day

Welcome to Rebekah Anna, Senior Health Policy Advisor

Rebekah Anna (Ngāti Maniapoto) joined the Public Health Intelligence Policy team as Senior Public Health Advisor on Monday, 5 December 2023. Rebekah worked at Te Whāriki Takapou prior to this role and has a background in community psychology, and will be working on Health Equity in All Policy.

Emma Bevege (Ngāti Kahungunu) has returned to the Public Health Unit on 18 January 2023 from parental leave. We are delighted to have her back as Graphic Designer producing visual aids to support comms to our community.

Welcome Rebekah, and congratulations and welcome back Emma!



Figure 2. Rebekah Anna



Figure 3. Emma Bevege

Farewell to Alex Brebner

We were saddened to say goodbye to Alex, who has been working with the Public Health Unit for the past two and a half years. Many of you will have interactions with him, firstly in the Public Health Intelligence and Policy team supporting COVID-19 reporting, and then as a Public Health Medicine registrar. Alex will be taking up a role as Clinical Instructor at University of Auckland's Medical School. We wish him all the best.

Volunteer opportunities with Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust

Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust (HMS Trust) helps UN-quota refugees resettle in Hamilton. HMS trust runs free training courses to prepare volunteers.

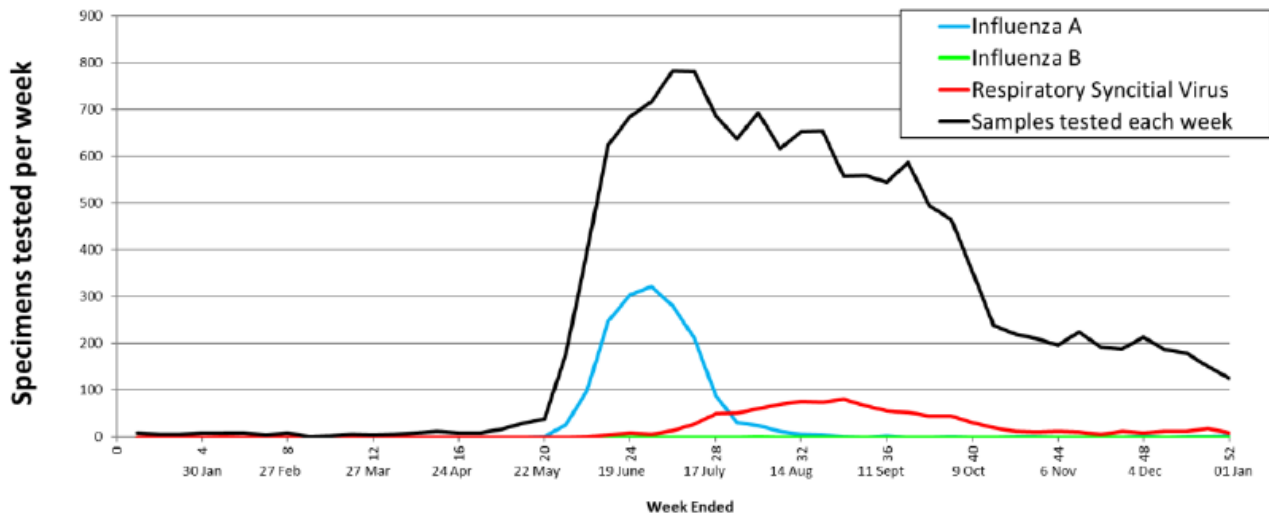
If you would like to help families rebuild their lives, learn about other cultures, and meet new people, please get in touch to register for the next training course. Contact Juergen Pothmann at juergenp@hmstrust.org.nz, 027 700 4127 or via <https://www.hmstrust.org.nz/nkss>

Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Thank you to Dr Chris Mansell, Clinical Microbiologist, for this report.

RSV and a small number of Influenza A cases continue to be detected. The four Influenza cases found in December had no overseas connection noted, so this appears to be circulating here at a low level. Globally, Influenza A H1N1, A H3N2 and Influenza B (Victoria lineage) are all circulating. Rhinoviruses and Adenoviruses are still present in the Waikato.

Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Detection Waikato Region 2022



Correct as of 4 January 2023

Medical Officers of Health: Felicity Dumble – Richard Wall – Richard Vipond – Richard Hoskins

After hours:

MOoH: 021 359 650

HPO: 021 999 521

If there is no answer, please contact Waikato Hospital's switchboard 07 839 8899 and ask for the on-call MOoH.

During office hours:

Population Health (MOoH or HPO): (07) 838 2569

Notifications: 07 838 2569 ext. 22041 or 22020

Notifications outside Hamilton: 0800 800 977

Fax: 07 838 2382

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Notifiable diseases – December 2022 compared to December 2021 (Waikato DHB)

Notifiable diseases (Waikato DHB) - Period: December 2021 to December 2022

¹Number of cases. Source: Waikato DHB.

²Waikato YTD count as a proportion of national data.

No.	Disease name	Waikato ¹			YTD		
		2021	2022	Change 2021-2022	Waikato	National	% ²
1	Botulism	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
2	Brucellosis	0	1	1 ▲	1	1	100
3	Campylobacteriosis	64	96	32 ▲	599	5,882	10
4	Chikungunya fever	0	0	0 -	0	5	0
5	Cholera	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
6	COVID-19	251	11,730	11,479 ▲	165,524	2,069,122	8
7	Cryptosporidiosis	3	1	-2 ▼	89	612	15
8	Decompression sickness	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
9	Dengue fever	0	0	0 -	0	23	0
10	Diarrhoeic shellfish poisoning	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
11	Diphtheria	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
12	Gastroenteritis - unknown cause	0	1	1 ▲	9	174	5
13	Gastroenteritis / foodborne intoxication	1	5	4 ▲	46	159	29
14	Giardiasis	10	5	-5 ▼	84	707	12
15	Haemophilus influenzae type b	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
16	Hepatitis A	0	1	1 ▲	6	59	10
17	Hepatitis B	1	0	-1 ▼	0	14	0
18	Hepatitis C	0	0	0 -	0	26	0
19	Hepatitis NOS	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
20	Hydatid disease	0	0	0 -	0	3	0
21	Invasive pneumococcal disease	7	5	-2 ▼	61	633	10
22	Latent tuberculosis infection	0	1	1 ▲	8	88	9
23	Lead Poisoning	3	9	6 ▲	39	368	11
24	Legionellosis	4	1	-3 ▼	12	245	5
25	Leprosy	0	0	0 -	1	4	25
26	Leptospirosis	3	1	-2 ▼	21	122	17
27	Listeriosis	1	0	-1 ▼	2	32	6
28	Listeriosis - perinatal	0	0	0 -	0	7	0
29	Malaria	0	0	0 -	1	18	6
30	Measles	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
31	Meningococcal disease	0	0	0 -	4	72	6
32	Monkeypox	0	0	0 -	1	41	2
33	Mumps	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
34	Murine Typhus	0	0	0 -	2	5	40
35	Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0 -	1	15	7
36	Pertussis	0	0	0 -	3	18	17
37	Q fever	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
38	Rheumatic fever - initial attack	1	0	-1 ▼	7	77	9
39	Rheumatic fever - recurrent attack	0	0	0 -	1	5	20
40	Rickettsial disease	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
41	Ross River virus infection	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
42	Rubella	0	0	0 -	0	0	-
43	Salmonellosis	4	12	8 ▲	71	750	9
44	Shigellosis	0	0	0 -	5	76	7
45	Taeniasis	0	0	0 -	0	3	0
46	Tetanus	0	0	0 -	0	1	0
47	Toxic shellfish poisoning	0	0	0 -	0	2	0
48	Tuberculosis disease - new case	3	3	0 -	30	275	11
49	Tuberculosis disease - relapse or reactivation	0	0	0 -	0	6	0
50	Tuberculosis infection - on preventive treatment	0	0	0 -	0	3	0
51	Typhoid fever	0	1	1 ▲	4	31	13
52	VTEC/STEC infection	8	9	1 ▲	107	1,037	10
53	Yersiniosis	15	8	-7 ▼	93	1,296	7

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