

Kia ora parents/caregivers

As you may be aware NZ had a measles outbreak in 2019 and the 15-30 age group were most affected – 70% of all cases. Data tells us 40% of this age group have no vaccination record results and/or have never been vaccinated against measles. As our borders begin to open progressively with other countries, the threat of another measles outbreak is a very real risk to the 15-30 age group.

The Ministry of Health are running a campaign with DHB's to vaccinate as many of this age group as possible. Community Health 4 Kids and WBOP PHO are partnering with High Schools to operate an on-site High School vaccination programme in School Term 3 and this is likely to be in late August/September So, during School Term 3, MMR education and consent forms are being sent out to all students/parents.

Please read the info attached and if you are unsure whether your teenager has had a MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccination and/or only had 1 MMR vaccination and/or can find no evidence, then it is safe to consent to one (1) MMR vaccination. Please follow one of the 3 requests below, if you consent:

1. Complete the fillable PDF **HE2597 MMR Consent Form, fill in pages 5-6 and electronically sign.** Double click on the signature box and follow prompt. Ensure you have your computer using Outlook, otherwise the submit button won't work. Click on "click to submit" (big red box at bottom of page 6) and it will take you straight to your Outlook to send the attachment. If you are using a mail app like Gmail, save the form onto your desktop and email to mmr@bopdhb.govt.nz or
2. Please open and print off pages 4-7 of **HE2597 MMR Consent Form, fill in pages 4-5 and sign. Return pages 4-7 to the school office.** But if you prefer, you can also scan the completed form and email to mmr@bopdhb.govt.nz ; or
3. If you would like a printed MMR education and consent form, please come into the school office to collect, complete and leave with the school office.

NB: Please write the name of the High School and year group your child attends in the box on PDF which says "room name or number", for either of the 3 options above.

If you wish to decline the MMR vaccination, fill out bottom of page on the consent form under the decline section on the PDF form and return via one of the ways above.

If you have any other questions about the MMR vaccination, below are some avenues for you to explore or contact.

- 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or go to the Immunisation Advisory Centre site (www.immune.org.nz). Go to vaccines and scroll down to Special Programmes/MMRII
- Speak with the Nurse at their Health Centre at your High School (if the school has one)
- www.health.govt.nz then scroll down to Protect Against measles. There is information here in multiple languages and videos to watch.
- [MMR vaccine: consent form - English version | HealthEd](#) This has info and commonly asked questions
- Community Health Kids 0800 935 554

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