

MEASLES ALERT – UPDATE 1

Further to the previous alert, Christchurch now has three confirmed measles cases since 31st January. They have attended a number of public venues in Christchurch including the Emergency Department of Christchurch Hospital and an educational institution in Kaiapoi which increases the possibility that members of the public have been exposed to the measles virus.

Community and Public Health are working to identify susceptible contacts. Vaccination of unimmunised potential contacts and a 14 day exclusion period from public organisations is underway.

If the situation escalates, further guidance will be circulated regarding the timeline of MMR immunisations.

Yours sincerely

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