

MEASLES OUTBREAK UPDATE 10/4/2019

MMR Vaccines

The current priority groups that we are able to book in for the measles vaccine (1st and/or 2nd dose) are:

- * All those aged 1 year – 28 years
- * Caregivers of children under 1 year
- * Those between 29 and 50 who work with children under 1 year old
- * Any caregivers, close family members of someone who is immuno-compromised e.g undergoing Chemotherapy (please talk to a nurse about this)
- * Any nurses, doctors or midwives

You must NOT be pregnant or planning a pregnancy to receive this vaccine.

If you are in this priority above, you can phone and book an appointment. Other groups need to please wait and watch the website- we will not book you at this stage, not even in advance.

*People born before 1969 are considered to be low risk and do not require vaccination. If you are born before 1969 you are not funded for this vaccine and therefore cannot receive this vaccine at all.

One dose of MMR protects 95% of people from developing measles. The reason we give a second dose is to capture the 5% who need this second vaccine to develop immunity. The majority of people who have had one dose of MMR in the past and people who have had a single measles vaccine have a good level of protection.

IF YOU OR FAMILY SUSPECT YOU MAY HAVE MEASLES, PLEASE DO NOT COME IN. CALL THE SURGERY FOR ADVICE. We have processes in place that we will need to follow.

Further Measles Information:

<http://www.immune.org.nz/hot-topic/measles-overseas-and-new-zealand>

Community-Public-Health-Information-for-people-who-may-have-been-in-contact-with-measles