

## Measles is in Queenstown

You may be aware there have been recent [measles exposures](#) in Queenstown and Cromwell.

Please see the below advice about measles for your school whānau | families.

### 1. Please remind parents, caregivers and the school community:

- There has been a measles case confirmed in Queenstown.
- Check the published [Locations of Interest](#) in case they may have come into contact with the measles case.
- Watch out for [measles symptoms](#) - fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.
- Keep students home from school if they have any measles symptoms and ring a doctor or Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.
- Check if your whānau are immune to measles and find medical records, such as immunisation records or test results, to confirm this. For more information on checking your immunity visit [info.health.nz/measles-immunity](http://info.health.nz/measles-immunity) It is safe to have additional doses if they don't have proof. For more information: [info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine](http://info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine)

### 2. Ask all staff born AFTER 1 January 1969 to check they have records of two MMR

vaccinations after 12 months of age, or previous measles.

- Non-immune staff may be required to stay home if exposed to measles.
- Staff who are born overseas often don't have records and younger New Zealanders have sometimes missed out on two doses.
- It is safe to have additional doses if they don't have proof. For more information: [info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine](http://info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine)

### 3. Prepare for possible measles cases.

If you hear of a possible case in your community or at school, do NOT take any action until you have talked to the National Public Health Service

- During office hours 8am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday call 03 450 9156
- Outside of office hours call 03 474 0999 and ask for the on-call Medical Officer of Health.
- DO isolate anyone sick and send them home to ring for medical advice.
- Public health will help identify close contacts and advise on actions and communications.

People can get vaccinated at their local pharmacy, GPs, nurse, or hauora provider. Find a clinic near you: [info.health.nz/bookavaccine](http://info.health.nz/bookavaccine)

Thank you for your help in stopping the spread of measles and protecting those at risk.