

## **Raglan Area School Whaanau Notice**

### **URGENT: MEASLES OUTBREAK PREVENTION**

This is the update from the Ministry of Health as of 3.45pm 4th September 2019.

*From 1 January 2019 to 4 September 2019 there have been 991 confirmed cases of measles notified across New Zealand. 821 of these confirmed cases are in the Auckland region. 7 confirmed in the Waikato Region.*

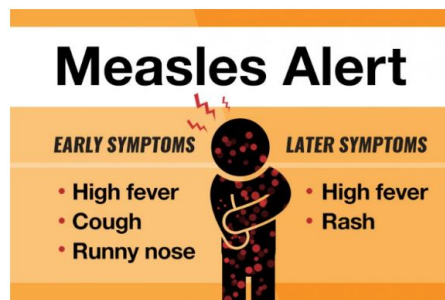
**We have no current cases of measles in our school. This is purely a proactive approach to keep us safe as a community.**

#### **Actions for whānau:**

1. Update all immunisation information with our office staff.
2. Notify the school if your children have been confirmed as having measles.
3. People who are vaccinated or are over 50 years are considered immune to measles. In NZ, if you were born in 1969 or later, you can get the measles vaccine for free. A “catch up” is recommended for anyone aged 1-50 who cannot show they have had two vaccinations.
4. **Contact West Coast Health in Raglan for further advice. Ph: 825-0114**
5. Please note that those not known to be immune may be quarantined and excluded should measles occur in our school.

#### **Signs of Measles**

- runny nose
- fever
- cough
- sore red eyes
- later a rash



#### **Advice from the Ministry of Health**

Measles is circulating in New Zealand, particularly in the Auckland region. If you're feeling sick, you should stay away from work, school or public places, to help prevent putting other people at risk.

If you or a family member suspect you have measles you should stay at home and **call Healthline on 0800 611 116** or your doctor to alert them of your symptoms. If you have measles it is important to avoid spreading it to others in the waiting room.

When you immunise your child, you're also protecting the people around them, including those who can't be immunised themselves.

Auckland infants can get their first dose of MMR from 12 months of age. For those outside the Auckland region, infants can continue to receive their first dose at 15 months and 4 years.

People aged 50 years and over are considered immune as measles used to be very common, so won't need the measles immunisations.

