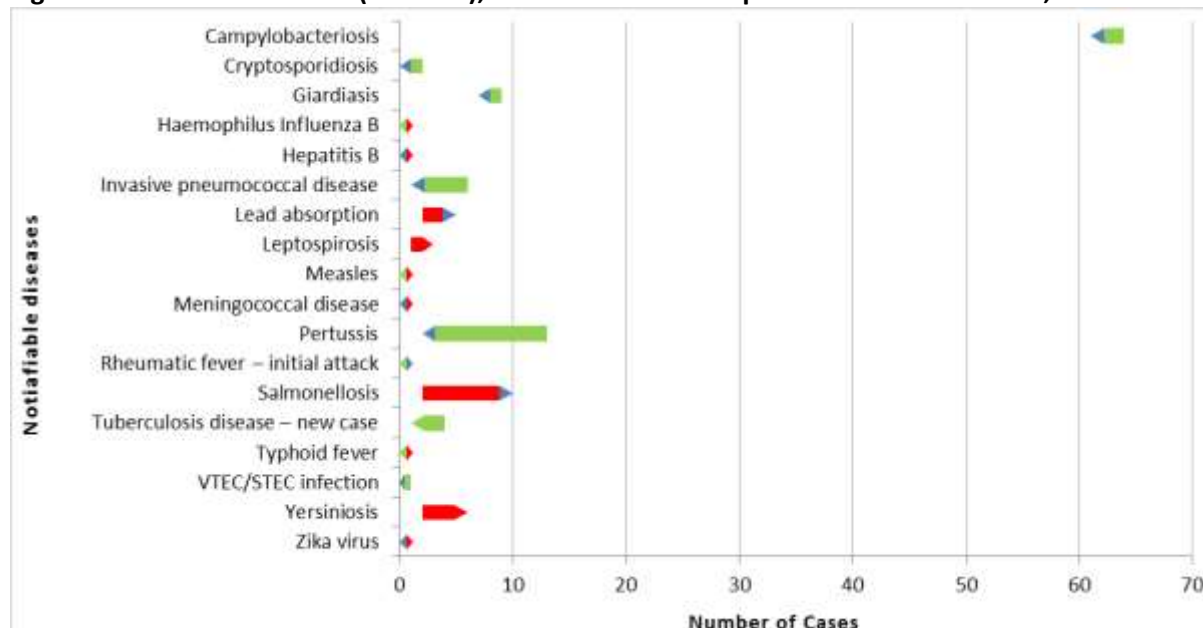


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PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN
Communicable diseases notified December 2016

Disease name	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	YTD	Disease name	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	YTD
Campylobacteriosis	64	61	564	Mumps	0	0	0
Chikungunya Fever	0	0	1	Murine Typhus	0	0	1
Cryptosporidiosis	2	0	122	Paratyphoid fever	0	0	0
Dengue fever	2	0	12	Pertussis	13	2	131
Gastroenteritis - unknown cause	2	0	4	Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Gastroenteritis / foodborne intoxication	0	0	4	Q fever	0	0	0
Giardiasis	9	7	132	Rheumatic fever - initial attack	0	0	5
Haemophilus Influenza B	0	0	0	Rheumatic fever – recurrent attack	0	0	1
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	Rickettsial disease	0	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	0	3	Ross River virus infection	0	0	0
Hepatitis C	0	0	0	Salmonellosis	2	10	115
Invasive pneumococcal disease	6	1	30	Shigellosis	0	0	16
Latent tuberculosis infection	2	12	41	Tetanus	0	0	1
Lead absorption	2	5	20	Toxic Shellfish Poisoning	0	0	0
Legionellosis	6	3	16	Tuberculosis disease - new case	4	1	22
Leptospirosis	1	3	22	Tuberculosis disease - relapse or reactivation	0	1	4
Listeriosis	0	0	2	Tuberculosis infection - on preventive treatment	0	0	1
Listeriosis – Perinatal	0	0	1	Typhoid fever	0	0	3
Malaria	0	1	2	VTEC/STEC infection	1	0	43
Measles	0	0	56	Yersiniosis	2	6	53
Meningococcal disease	0	0	8	Zika virus	0	0	7

Figure 1: Notifiable diseases (selected), December 2016 compared to December 2015, Waikato DHB



Notifying diseases under amended Health Act

As per our last bulletin the Health Act amendments are now in effect. Of note for health practitioners (including medical practitioners) is that the information required with notification is now specified. Section 74(1) of the Health Act 1956 requires "Every medical practitioner who has reason to believe that any person professionally attended by him is suffering from a notifiable disease or from any sickness of which the symptoms create a reasonable suspicion that it is a notifiable disease shall— (a) in the case of a notifiable infectious disease... forthwith give notices in the prescribed form to the medical officer of health."

For notification to MOsH (this office) the "prescribed form" is in the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 2016.

The following information is required with notification of a notifiable disease (identified basis):

- Date

1 Patient details

- Name
- National health index number (if known)
- Address
- Date of birth
- Date of death (if applicable)
- Sex
- Ethnicity (if known)
- Nature of work or education (if known)
- Recent travel history (if known)

2 Details of disease

- Disease or suspected disease being notified
- Date of onset of illness (approximately)
- Laboratory tests done or ordered (if any)
- Results of laboratory tests (if available)
- Has the patient been hospitalised?
- If the patient has been hospitalised, the name of the hospital and date of the admission
- Any other information relevant to the risk of the patient having or transmitting the disease (for example, vaccine history, sexual behaviour or activity, or sex of partner or partners, if known)

3 Details of notifying health practitioner

- Name
- Phone number
- Address
- Email address

Please note there is a separate (non identified) set of information required for the STIs that have been added to the schedule of notifiable diseases for surveillance purposes. More on that as the national system is developed!

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If there is no answer, please contact Waikato Hospital's switchboard 07 839 8899 and ask for the on-call MOoH.

During office hours:

Population Health (MOoH or HPO) (07) 838 2569

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Email: notifiablediseases@waikatodhb.health.nz

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