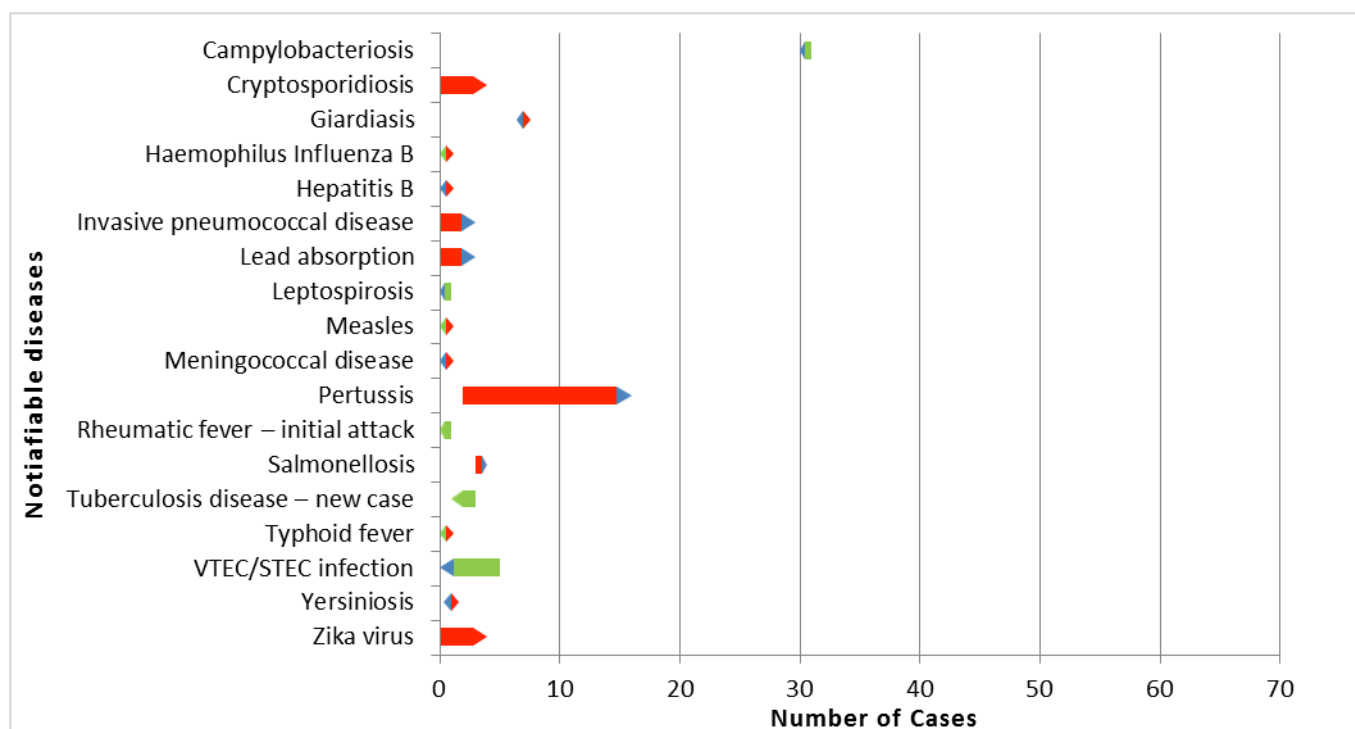


PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN

Communicable diseases notified February 2016

Disease name	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	YTD	Disease name	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	YTD
Campylobacteriosis	31	30	93	Mumps	0	0	0
Chikungunya Fever	0	1	1	Murine Typhus	0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	4	5	Paratyphoid fever	1	0	0
Dengue fever	0	0	0	Pertussis	2	16	33
Giardiasis	7	7	18	Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Haemophilus Influenza B	0	0	0	Q fever	1	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	Rheumatic fever - initial attack	1	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	Rheumatic fever – recurrent attack	0	0	1
Hepatitis C	0	0	0	Ross River virus infection	0	0	0
Invasive pneumococcal disease	0	3	4	Salmonellosis	3	4	9
Lead absorption	0	3	5	Shigellosis	0	3	4
Legionellosis	0	3	5	Tetanus	0	0	0
Leptospirosis	1	0	1	Toxic Shellfish Poisoning	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	Tuberculosis disease - new case	3	1	4
Listeriosis – Perinatal	0	0	0	Typhoid fever	0	0	3
Malaria	0	0	0	VTEC/STEC infection	5	0	4
Measles	0	0	0	Yersiniosis	1	1	3
Meningococcal disease	0	0	2	Zika virus	0	4	6

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



2016 Seasonal Influenza Immunisation Programme

The Ministry of Health are pleased to announce the funded influenza vaccine will be sent to providers earlier than expected. Healthcare Logistics will begin sending the funded vaccine to providers with pre-orders commencing in the week beginning 7 March.

This year's influenza programme will be officially launched on 6 April but you may commence vaccinating before this date to ensure your patients are offered protection before winter hits. Vaccine can be ordered online at www.hconline.co.nz or the form can be downloaded from www.influenza.org.nz

Flu vaccination indicator for pregnant women

As part of the NIR changes a new indicator for pregnant women has been added to the NIR and PMS systems. When recording an influenza vaccination given to a pregnant woman, please select the "Flu-pregnant" indicator in your PMS rather than any other indicator. This will allow the Ministry to later identify all influenza vaccinations given to pregnant women. Influenza vaccinations given to pregnant women are free.

Vaccination of pregnant women against influenza and pertussis will be themes of this year's Immunisation Awareness week.

ESR influenza surveillance

National sentinel influenza surveillance gets underway on 2 May this year. Our local influenza coordinator is in the process of contacting practices to discuss the upcoming season and to introduce exciting improvements to the surveillance platform. ESR has developed and piloted an automated electronic data collection form that will be rolled out to national sentinel practices to replace the old manual data collection method. This surveillance system is very important to New Zealand's seasonal influenza control and informing pandemic preparedness. For further information please contact your local influenza coordinator Di Cooper, diane.cooper@waikatodhb.health.nz or Liza Lopez, National Influenza Coordinator, at ESR liza.lopez@esr.cri.nz

BCG Vaccine

Seqirus have secured a limited supply of 5,000 doses (50 packs) of BCG vaccine. This stock is currently being distributed to Propharma branches and will shortly be available for ordering in the normal manner.

Please note :

- The stock has an expiry of 31 May 2016 and must not be used after this date
- The stock has Medsafe consent for distribution

Distribution and allocation of the stock will be carefully monitored by PHARMAC to ensure an equitable distribution with minimal wastage. Longer term supply of BCG vaccine has not yet confirmed by Seqirus, further updates will follow.

Current outbreaks in the Pacific region and Australia

- Chikungunya fever in Tuvalu.
 - Conjunctivitis (adenovirus) in New Caledonia.
 - Dengue fever in American Samoa (Denv-3), Fiji (Denv-serotype not yet determined), French Polynesia (Denv-1), New Caledonia (Denv-1), Papua New Guinea (Denv-2), Samoa (Denv-3) and Solomon Islands (Denv-3), Queensland Australia (Denv-2).
 - Diarrhoeal illness (rotavirus) and influenza-like illness in Solomon Islands.
 - Diarrhoeal illness and typhoid fever in Fiji.
 - Zika virus in Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Marshall Islands.
 - Influenza A in French Polynesia
- Zika virus circulation has also been reported in Thailand, and Maldives.

Source: PacNet 21 March 2016 and WHO as of 17 March 2016

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