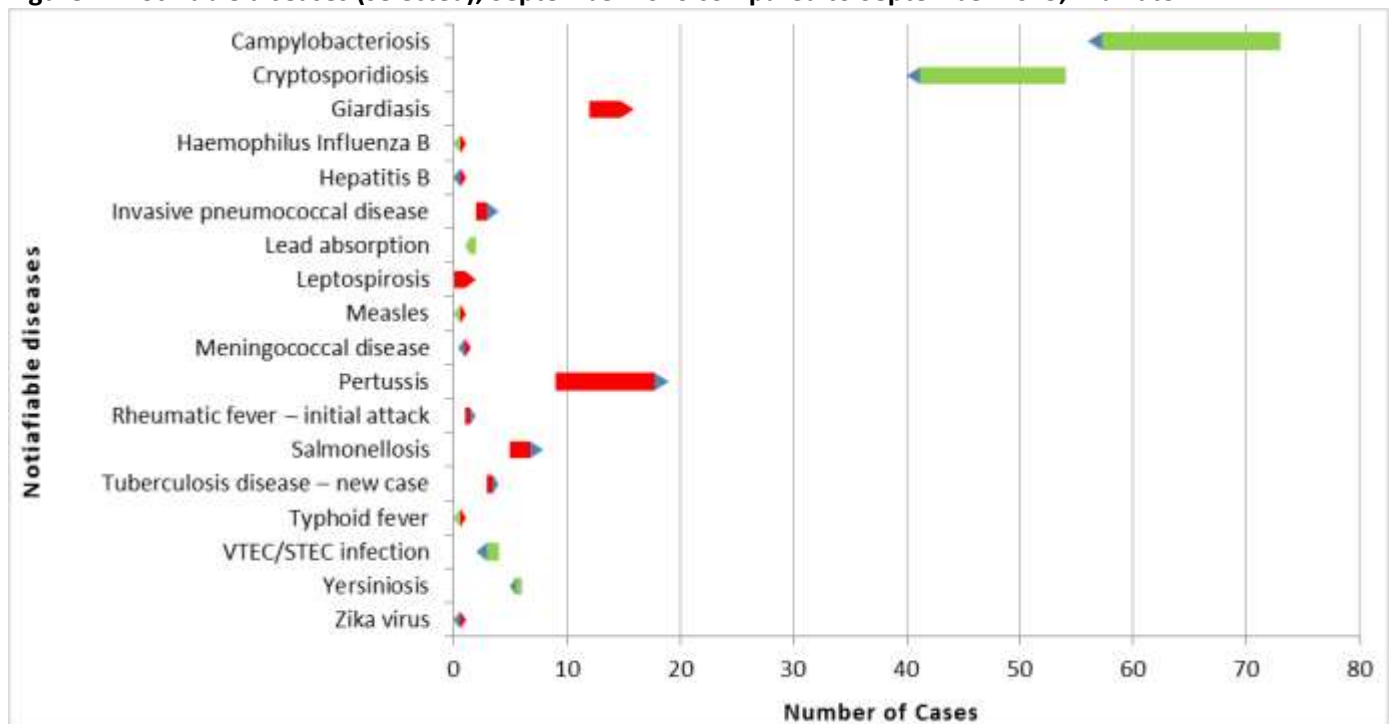


Communicable diseases notified Month/Year

Disease name	Sept 2015	Sept 2016	YTD	Disease name	Sept 2015	Sept 2016	YTD
Campylobacteriosis	73	56	369	Measles	0	0	56
Chikungunya fever	0	0	1	Meningococcal disease	1	1	6
Cryptosporidiosis	54	40	92	Murine Typhus	0	0	1
Dengue fever	0	1	11	Pertussis	9	19	105
Gastroenteritis - unknown cause	0	0	4	Rheumatic fever - initial attack	1	2	5
Gastroenteritis / foodborne intoxication	1	0	4	Rheumatic fever - recurrent attack	0	0	1
Giardiasis	12	16	95	Rickettsial disease	0	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	0	3	Salmonellosis	5	8	72
Invasive pneumococcal disease	2	4	25	Shigellosis	0	2	14
Latent tuberculosis infection	2	1	22	Tuberculosis disease - new case	3	4	19
Lead	2	1	14	Tuberculosis disease - relapse or reactivation	0	0	3
Legionellosis	0	1	11	Tuberculosis infection - on preventive treatment	2	0	0
Leptospirosis	0	2	14	Typhoid fever	0	0	3
Listeriosis	0	0	1	VTEC/STEC infection	4	2	34
Listeriosis - perinatal	0	0	1	Yersiniosis	6	5	29
Malaria	0	0	1	Zika virus	0	0	7

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


Duty to notify on suspicion (and isolate if appropriate)

In recent weeks the Medical Officers of Health have received lots of lab requests/results where the clinician ordering the test has written “?measles” or “?mumps” (etc) but has not notified Public Health *on suspicion*. Please note that the legal responsibility to notify is *on suspicion* and this duty remains with the responsible clinician even if they expect the lab will notify if the result is positive. Direct lab

notification is a backup and does not relieve the responsible clinician of their duty to notify. This also gives the clinician the opportunity to advise isolation if appropriate, and to discuss this with the Medical Officer of Health.

Delays in lab results and lab notification to Public Health mean the opportunity for appropriate isolation and contact quarantine/prophylaxis (if necessary) is sometimes missed.

Medical Officers of Health: Felicity Dumble -- Richard Wall – Richard Vipond – Richard Hoskins

After hours:

MOoH 021 359 650

HPO 021 999 521

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

Notifications outside Hamilton: 0800 800 977

Email: notifiablediseases@waikatodhb.health.nz

Notifications: 07 838 2569 extension 22065 or 22020

Fax: 07 838 2382