

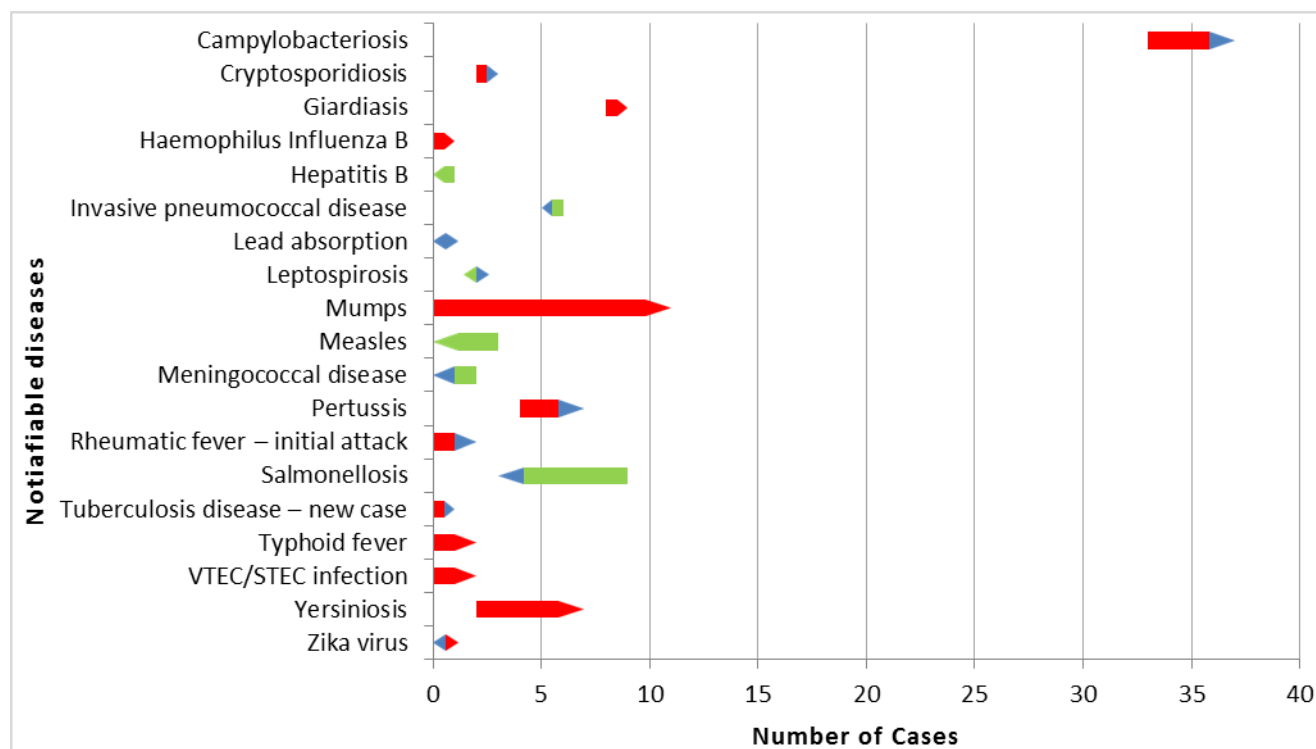
August 2017

PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN

Communicable diseases notified July 2017

| Disease name | July 2016 | July 2017 | YTD | Disease name | July 2016 | July 2017 | YTD |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----|--|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Campylobacteriosis | 33 | 37 | 250 | Malaria | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cryptosporidiosis | 2 | 3 | 26 | Measles | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Dengue fever | 3 | 1 | 5 | Meningococcal disease | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Gastroenteritis – unknown cause | 0 | 0 | 1 | Mumps | 0 | 11 | 27 |
| Gastroenteritis – Foodborne intoxication | 2 | 0 | 3 | Pertussis | 4 | 7 | 48 |
| Giardiasis | 8 | 9 | 109 | Rheumatic fever - initial attack | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| Haemophilus influenzae type b | 0 | 1 | 1 | Rheumatic fever – recurrent attack | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hepatitis A | 0 | 0 | 2 | Salmonellosis | 9 | 3 | 65 |
| Hepatitis B | 1 | 0 | 3 | Shigellosis | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Invasive pneumococcal disease | 6 | 5 | 23 | Tuberculosis disease - new case | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Lead absorption | 0 | 0 | 7 | Tuberculosis disease – relapse or reactivation | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Latent Tuberculosis | 0 | 4 | 30 | Typhoid fever | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| Legionellosis | 1 | 0 | 2 | VTEC/STEC infection | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| Leprosy | 0 | 0 | 1 | Yersiniosis | 2 | 7 | 32 |
| Leptospirosis | 2 | 2 | 35 | Zika virus | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Figure 1: Notifiable diseases (selected), July 2017 compared to July 2016, Waikato DHB



Mumps Outbreaks – update and investigation advice

The mumps outbreaks we've reported previously continue – at the time of writing there had been over 35 cases confirmed in the Waikato (mostly around Hamilton) in 2017, with reports of mumps from most other districts in New Zealand.

Please note that the NZ Microbiology Network has recently published advice on appropriate laboratory testing, **a viral buccal swab for PCR is the recommended sample**, from the affected side (if unilateral), and ideally within three days of parotitis onset but up to seven days. Mumps serology is not routinely recommended for diagnostic purposes.

We remind you again to notify us **on suspicion**. In addition to this being a legal requirement, it gives us a chance to discuss symptoms, appropriate testing, potential source(s) and contacts, and to ensure suspect case has been given appropriate isolation advice. A significant number of cases in this outbreak have not been notified, and have only come to public health attention when people at the WDHB lab contact us to ask whether to process specimens received.

You can find a form to use for fax notifications during business hours on our website at:

<http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/public-health-advice/a-z-of-public-health-topics/m-o/mumps/>

just google “mumps Waikato DHB” or go to the Population Health website, Public Health advice, A-Z, mumps. We will soon post a “Flow chart for the management of suspected Mumps” on the same page.

Smoking cessation ELearning

Just a reminder that the clinical reading “How to Treat: Smoking cessation” – by Hayden McRobbie and John McMenamin has a 12-question assessment and completion carries one RNZCGP credit for CPD, and is also accredited for nurses for one hour by the College of Nurses Aotearoa.

Access the following link to view the course:
<http://elearning.thehealthmedia.co.nz/account/login?loginkey=BD76C719-A1C2-43FF-AB10-B5C3663884DC&c=484574>.

Free access to this course is also available for practice nurses and colleagues who are not New Zealand Doctor subscribers.

Visit www.howtotreat.co.nz/smoking (and use free access code: smoking).

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: 07 838 2569 ext. 22065 or 22020

Notifications outside Hamilton: 0800 800 977

Fax: 07 838 2382

Email: notifiablediseases@waikatodhb.health.nz

Updated Policy for the Authorisation of Yellow Fever Vaccinators and Vaccination Centres

The new policy will take effect **Tuesday, 15 August 2017** for all new and renewing vaccinators and centres. Following consultation the main changes to the Policy involved:

- removing the requirement for doctors to be registered with a specific vocational scope
- enabling qualifying nurse practitioners and registered nurses working in travel health to be authorised as yellow fever vaccinators
- minor changes to clarify wording throughout the policy.

The application forms have also been updated and a detailed checklist added. A summary of feedback to the consultation, the new Policy, and copies of the new application forms can be found on the Ministry of Health website www.health.govt.nz by searching for ‘Yellow Fever’.