

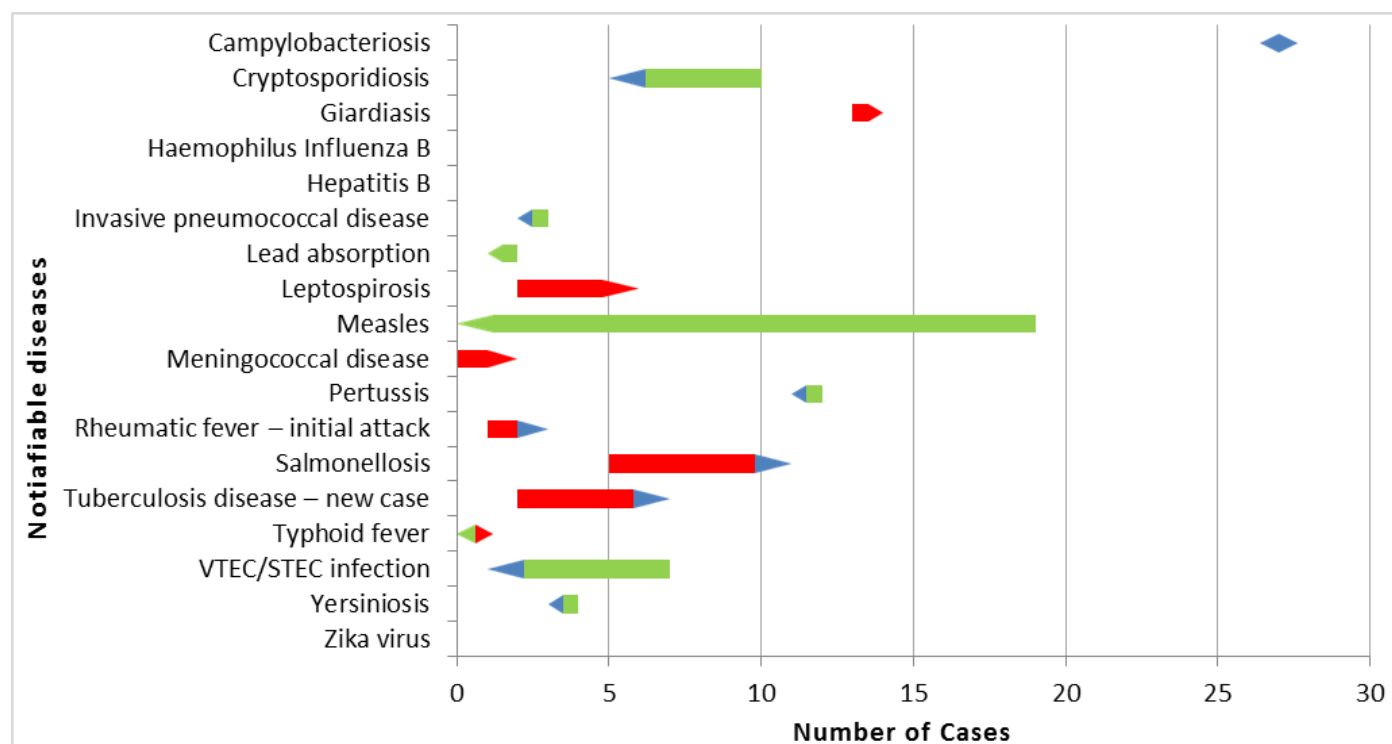
June 2017

**PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN**

**Communicable diseases notified May 2017**

Disease name	May 2016	May 2017	YTD	Disease name	May 2016	May 2017	YTD
Campylobacteriosis	27	27	187	Measles	19	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	10	5	18	Meningococcal disease	0	2	4
Dengue fever	0	1	4	Mumps	0	5	9
Gastroenteritis – unknown cause	0	0	1	Murine Typhus	1	0	0
Gastroenteritis – foodborne intoxication	0	1	2	Pertussis	12	11	32
Giardiasis	13	14	73	Rheumatic fever - initial attack	1	3	9
Hepatitis A	0	1	2	Rheumatic fever – recurrent attack	0	0	1
Invasive pneumococcal disease	3	2	13	Salmonellosis	5	11	58
Lead absorption	2	1	7	Shigellosis	1	1	2
Latent Tuberculosis	3	6	21	Tuberculosis disease - new case	2	7	10
Legionellosis	0	0	2	Typhoid fever	0	0	2
Leptospirosis	2	6	21	VTEC/STEC infection	7	1	23
Listeriosis	0	1	1	Yersiniosis	4	3	21
Malaria	0	1	2				

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



## Exclusion and Clearance Criteria

When a patient presents with symptoms of gastroenteritis please ensure you determine whether they belong to a high risk group (food handlers, staff of health care facilities or early childhood services, children aged under five years old attending an early childhood service, and older children or adults at higher risk due to illness or disability), and undertake investigations and exclusion accordingly. The Pathlab laboratory processing of enteric samples guide is located here:

<http://www.pathlab.co.nz/PicsHotel/PathLab/Brochure/Clinical%20Updates/2014/Change%20to%20Laboratory%20Processing%20of%20Enteric%20Samples%20-%20Pathlab%20-%20Dec%202014.pdf>

Please note; that there must be documentation of risk factors on the request form in order for samples to be tested. Waikato District Health Board Exclusion and Stool Clearance Criteria can be found here:

<https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/public-health-advice/public-health-topics/Campylobacter-exclusions.pdf>

Please ensure high risk groups are excluded for 48 hours AFTER they become symptom free. This allows time for stool samples to be processed and Population Health to contact the individuals (plus MPI for food handlers) and undertake clearance samples or direct further exclusion if required.

## National Immunisation Schedule Changes

A reminder regarding the schedule changes effective from 1 July. The Ministry of Health has produced a fact sheet which is available on their website:

## Medical Officers of Health

Felicity Dumble -- Richard Wall – Richard Vipond – Richard Hoskins

### After hours

**Medical Officer of Health 021 359 650**  
**Health Protection Officer 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](mailto:notifiablediseases@waikatodhb.health.nz)

<http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/immunisation/new-zealand-immunisation-schedule/2017-immunisation-schedule-change>

The fact sheet provides health professionals and vaccinators with key information to support their delivery of the National Immunisation Schedule. The fact sheet includes information on the vaccine changes, transitioning to the new vaccine brands, vaccinator educator sessions, IT changes and the resources available.

The NIR, your local practice management systems, and Proclaim have been updated for the schedule changes.

## Immunisation Handbook 2017

The *Immunisation Handbook 2017* (the *Handbook*) is now available as a pdf on the Ministry's website:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/immunisation-handbook-2017>

The online version is the most up-to-date.

The *Handbook* has been updated to reflect the vaccine and eligibility changes made to the Schedule by PHARMAC from 1 January 2017 and 1 July 2017. An online version will be available from the Ministry's website to download for use on tablets or e-readers. Medtech will also include a pdf with their new software release.