

**Important information for all GP teams, Community Pharmacists, Community Nursing and Aged Care Facilities – Please share this with everyone in your team**

### **Vaccination Strategy**

- We now have confirmation that 18,000 doses of MMR vaccine have arrived in Canterbury and another 9,000 doses are due to arrive Thursday.
- To manage cold chain storage, vaccines are being delivered in batches. The first batch will be arriving in practices this afternoon or Thursday morning.
- We worked with the Ministry to sequence the priorities for MMR vaccination in order to contain the outbreak.
- The full sequence will be circulated tomorrow, however the first two priorities for immunisation today are:

1. Children aged 12 months to 13 years who have never been immunised
2. Children and adults aged 14 years to 28 years who have never been immunised

- Routine scheduled immunisation should continue as normal.
- Single dose of MMR typically provides protection against measles to 95% of people vaccinated. Therefore the majority of people who have had one dose of MMR in the past and people who have had a single measles vaccine have a good level of protection.
- We recognise that reviewing the sequencing, reorganising clinics, and communicating the changes to patients will be time consuming, difficult and potentially distressing for practice staff. CDHB will provide public messaging to support that today.
- We will issue a more detailed update with the full list of sequencing for immunisation Thursday morning.

Kind regards,

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