

MEASLES REPORT

This report includes cases of measles notified in EpiSurv up to midnight 2 September 2011. Data were extracted from EpiSurv at 10 am, 6 September 2011.

In the last week, 11 new measles cases (3 cases the previous week) were notified from Counties Manukau (3 cases), Auckland and Waikato (2 cases each), Waitemata, Capital and Coast, Lakes and West Coast (1 case each) DHBs. Of these notifications, eight were confirmed, and three are still under investigation. There have been 212 cases of measles reported in EpiSurv since January 2011 (compared to 43 cases reported the same time last year), including 198 confirmed cases, five probable cases and nine cases are still under investigation. These were reported mainly from the Auckland region (68.4% of total cases), Waikato (13.2%) and Hawke’s Bay (11.3%). DHBs reporting cases include Waitemata (107 cases), Waikato (28 cases), Hawke’s Bay (24 cases), Auckland (21 cases), Counties Manukau (17 cases), Canterbury (8 cases), Northland and Capital and Coast (2 cases each), Lakes, Hutt Valley, and West Coast DHBs (one case each).

This report incorporates the temporal distribution of cases, since January 2011, and the distribution of cases by age, ethnicity (prioritised), and district health board (DHB), as well as a summary of confirmed cases by immunisation status. The case classification used in this report is specified in the appendix.

Temporal distribution

Weekly and historical measles notifications for 2011 are shown in Figure 1 and 2, respectively. There have been 11 cases notified in the last week (3 the previous week). Compared to the previous week, notifications have increased in the last week ending 2 September. Of the 212 notifications since the beginning of 2011, 21 have been hospitalised. There have been no reported deaths.

Figure 1 : Weekly distribution of measles notifications by week reported

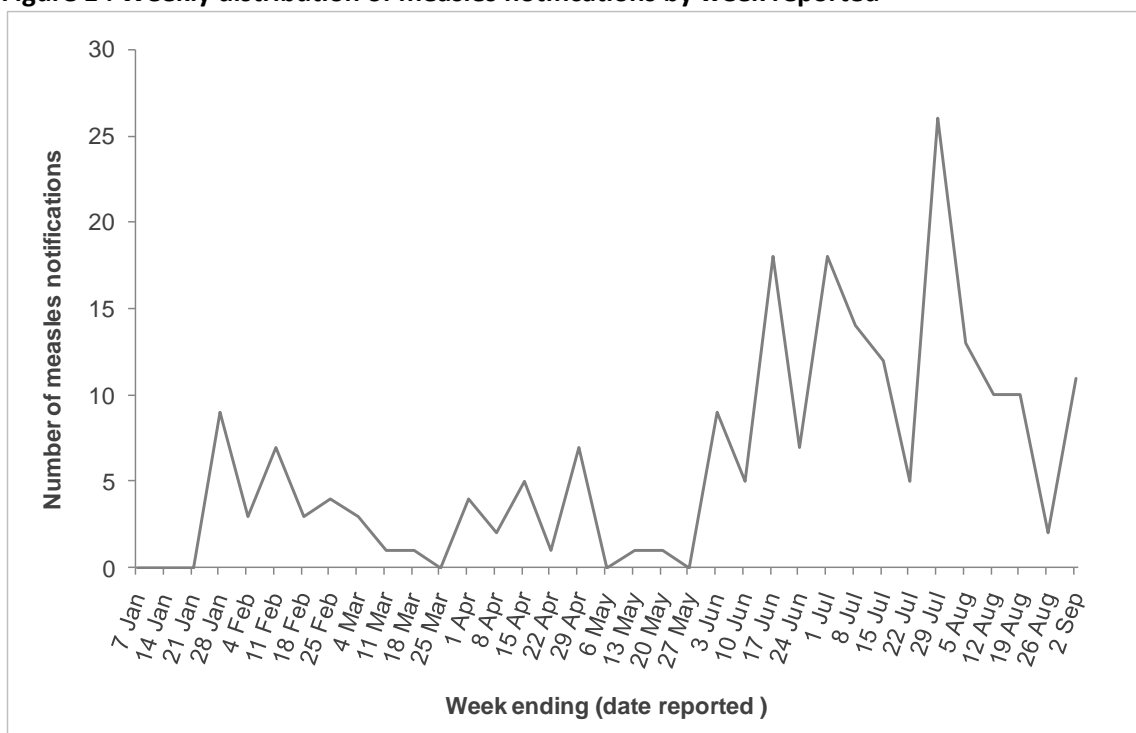
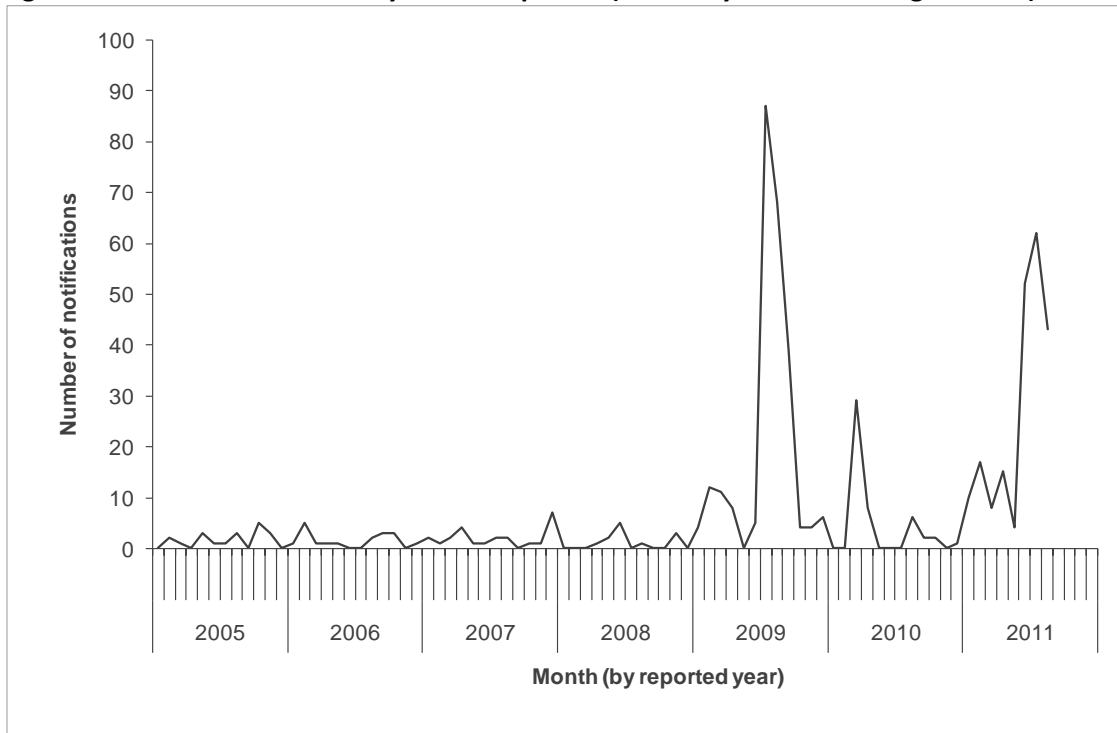


Figure 2 Measles notifications by month reported (1 January 2005 to 31 August 2011)



The onset dates were recorded for eight of the 11 measles cases notified in the last week, and earliest date was 10 August 2011. Although reporting of onset dates is not always complete, 178 notifications (of 212) since 1 January 2011 have onset dates available. The earliest and last onset dates since January 2011 were 6 January and 31 August, respectively.

Age and ethnicity

The age and ethnicity distributions of measles cases are shown in Table 1 and 2. Of the 198 confirmed cases with a known age reported since 1 January 2011, 94 (47.5%) were aged under 10 years, 73 (36.9%) were aged 10 to 19 years, and 31 (15.7%) were aged 20 years or older while 16 (8.1%) were aged under 15 months.

Of the 198 cases, 101 (51.0%) were aged 12 months to 12 years and 68 (34.3%) were aged 13 years to 20 years.

Table 1: Age distribution of measles cases and hospitalisations, 2011

Age Group	27 August - 2 September 2011					Cumulative total since 1 Jan 2011				
	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹
<15mths	3	1	0	2	0	22	16	3	3	5
15mths-3yrs	4	3	0	1	1	29	25	1	3	2
4-9 yrs	2	2	0	0	0	57	53	1	3	2
10-19 yrs	2	2	0	0	0	73	73	0	0	4
20+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	31	31	0	0	8
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	8	0	3	1	212	198	5	9	21
<i>12mths - 12yrs</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>13yrs - 20yrs</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>

¹ Confirmed or probable measles cases where hospitalisation was recorded as "Yes".

Conf: confirmed, **Prob:** probable, **Hosp:** hospitalised

Of the 189 confirmed cases with a known ethnicity reported since 1 January 2011, 125 (66.1%) were European, 51 (27.0%) were Maori, 11 (5.8%) were Pacific Peoples, and two (1.1%) were in the "Other" ethnic groups (Table 2). Ethnicity was not recorded for the confirmed case reported in the last week. Hospitalisations by ethnicity are also depicted in Table 2.

Table 2 : Ethnic (prioritised) distribution of measles cases and hospitalisations, 2011

Ethnicity (prioritised)	27 August - 2 September 2011					Cumulative total since 1 Jan 2011				
	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹
Maori	4	4	0	0	0	53	51	1	1	6
Pacific Peoples	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1
European	5	2	0	3	0	135	125	3	7	10
Unknown	2	2	0	0	1	11	9	1	1	2
Total	11	8	0	3	1	212	198	5	9	21

¹ Confirmed or probable measles cases where hospitalisation was recorded as "Yes".

Geographic distribution

Of the 198 confirmed cases reported since 1 January, 106 (53.5%) were reported from Waitemata, 24 (12.1%) from Hawke's Bay, 23 (11.6%) from Waikato, 21 (10.6%) from Auckland, 17 (8.6%) from Counties Manukau, four (2.0%) from Canterbury, and one each (0.5%) from Northland, Capital and Coast, and Hutt Valley DHBs.

The eight confirmed cases in the last week were reported from Counties Manukau (3 cases), Auckland and Waikato (2 cases each), and Waitemata (1 case) DHBs.

Table 3 : Geographical distribution of measles cases and hospitalisations, 2011

DHB	27 August - 2 September 2011					Cumulative total since 1 Jan 2011				
	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹	Total	Conf	Prob	Other	Hosp ¹
Northland	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
Waitemata	1	1	0	0	0	107	106	1	0	10
Auckland	2	2	0	0	0	21	21	0	0	3
Counties Manukau	3	3	0	0	1	17	17	0	0	4
Waikato	2	2	0	0	0	28	23	1	4	1
Lakes	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Bay of Plenty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tairāwhiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taranaki	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawke's Bay	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	0	0	3
Whanganui	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MidCentral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hutt Valley	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Capital and Coast	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Wairarapa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Marlborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Coast	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Canterbury	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	3	1	0
South Canterbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand Total	11	8	0	3	1	212	198	5	9	21

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Immunisation status

Immunisation status of the confirmed cases, as recorded in EpiSurv, is shown in Table 4. Of the 198 confirmed cases reported since January 2011, 181 (91.4%) had a known vaccination status. Of these 181 cases, 160 were not vaccinated including 13 cases aged less than 15 months and therefore not eligible for vaccination. Eighteen cases had received one dose of vaccine; three cases had completed their second dose.

Table 4: Immunisation status of measles cases (confirmed) notified since 1 January 2011

Age Group	Total cases	One dose	Two doses	Vaccinated (no dose info)	Not vaccinated	Unknown
<15mths	16	2	0	0	13	1
15mths-3yrs	25	4	0	0	21	0
4-9 yrs	53	5	2	0	45	1
10-19 yrs	73	5	1	0	62	5
20+ yrs	31	2	0	0	19	10
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	198	18	3	0	160	17

Appendix

Case classification:

Confirmed	A clinically compatible illness that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case or is laboratory confirmed
Probable	A clinically compatible illness with all of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ • a generalised maculopapular rash lasting three or more days • cough, or coryza, or conjunctivitis, or Koplik spots
Other	Status recorded as <i>under investigation</i> or cases where there was insufficient information to define the status

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