
MONTHLY NOTIFIABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Data contained within this monthly report are based on information recorded on EpiSurv by Public Health Service (PHS) staff as at 13 December 2021. Changes made to EpiSurv after this date will not be reflected in this report. The data are provisional and include cases that are still under investigation, some of which may become 'Not a case'. For this reason, comparisons between the current year and previous years should be treated with caution.

KEY NOTIFIABLE DISEASE TRENDS

COVID-19

There were 5146 cases of COVID-19 reported in November 2021 (5135 confirmed, 8 probable and 3 under investigation), compared with 102 cases for the same month in 2020. The vast majority of the confirmed and probable cases (5075, 98.7%) were community cases, 67 (1.3%) were imported cases in managed isolation/quarantine (MIQ) facilities, and one was a historical case. A total of 188 (3.7%) cases were hospitalised. Sixteen deaths were reported among COVID-19 cases, of which two were due to COVID-19. The Ministry of Health released further information on [deaths associated with COVID-19](#) on 30 November 2021.

OUTBREAKS

Respiratory illness

There were four respiratory illness outbreaks reported in November 2021, involving 62 cases. Three outbreaks were reported as influenza-like illness (ILI) and one was reported as acute respiratory infection (ARI). Rhinovirus was identified in one outbreak. No pathogen was identified in the remaining three outbreaks (SARS-CoV was excluded in one). Three outbreaks were in long-term care facilities and one was in a childcare centre.

Salmonellosis

A case of *Salmonella* Enteritidis sequence type 11 has been identified as belonging to the Enteritidis_2019_C_01 cluster that was first reported in the [March monthly report](#). This is the first new case since July 2021. From January to November 2021 there have been 49 cases reported. The outbreak strain has been identified in poultry and egg farms.

Vibrio parahaemolyticus infection

An outbreak of gastroenteritis due to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* infection was reported from Northland DHB in November 2021, involving two cases. The cases had consumed raw oysters from a seafood wholesaler. Further investigations, including genomic sequencing, are underway.

TABLES

Tables for November are available as Excel files on the [Public Health Surveillance website](#).