

COVID-19 FAST FACTS FOR 6 APRIL 2020



COVID-19 Laboratory Update

Please see attached the latest COVID-19 update which covers protocols for testing at Labtests collection centres and ordering swabs for COVID-19 testing.

[200401COVID19update.pdf](#)

PPE Packs

Could you please email suzie@aucklandpho.co.nz if you are needing PPE (and she will complete the PPE stocktake and we will do what we can to supply packs to you).

MPS Webinar on Remote Consulting

Please find below the details of the MPS Webinar

MPS Members can register: [Register now via PRISM](#)

Tuesday 7 April 2020

19.00 – 19.30 (NZST)

General Practice Sustainability

There is webinar on Monday evening (6-7:30) on General Practice Sustainability. This webinar is being set up to support general practice sustainability - Dr Jeff Lowe, Martin Hefford and Nicky Hart (CEO Feilding Health) will act as a panellists.

We encourage Practice Owners to join as well as Practice Managers.

There will be opportunity for Q&A and as part of registration please provide any topics you wish to see covered.

Register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lifWzJe2TQaJc1EgxHc3yg

Whilst this webinar has been set up by the HCH Collaborative, it is open to all.

Influenza Update

There are now 100,000 doses of Influvac Tetra available for distribution. This flu vaccine contains the same strains that the Afluria Quad contains.

Due to the unprecedented demand in influenza vaccinations this year, there is a restriction on the maximum number of influenza vaccines you can order. The maximum is 60 doses per order. This is an interim measure until further influenza vaccines arrive in New Zealand from 20th April 2020.

If you require more than 60 influenza vaccines, contact Louise@aucklandpho.co.nz with the number required. Orders placed this week will be sent Monday 6th April 2020.

A reminder that current eligibility for the flu vaccine are frontline health staff or eligible for a funded influenza vaccination until 13 April 2020.

All doses of Afluria Quad are now available to order. Please prioritise those children under 3 years eligible for a funded influenza vaccination. The list of childrens' names eligible can be found in the Mohio report.

Enrolling Patients During Covid 19 Lockdown

The MoH have accepted that during the Lockdown period patient enrolment is as follows: -

1. New Patients

Check if there are technological capabilities for enrolment – email form to patient who could complete, sign, print, scan and email back OR

2. Verbally enrol the patient on the condition that the practice follows this up later and obtains a completed enrolment form with two months after the lockdown has ended.

3. Re-enrolling if not seen within 3-years

If the patient is already a patient of the practice, but is coming up to the 3-year mark with no contact, as long as the practice holds the current enrolment form, it can re-enrol these patients via the 'auditable contact method as described in the Auckland PHO Enrolment Guide.

Further information on this will be circulated when it comes in. Any questions, contact Barb 021 669 533