

Update Points from Dr Caroline McElnay, Director Public Health (slides attached) from recent GPNZ and PHO Clinical Directors' Zoom

- Dr McElnay introduced the elimination strategy going forward, aimed at **keep it out, find it, stamp it out**. Not necessarily aiming for zero cases
- Achieved by border control, surveillance, physical distancing, testing and tracing, and isolating cases
- Graph on the confirmed and probable cases by DHB by the date of onset rather than notification. Highlighted that whilst there was an extreme decline in the number of cases and lock down stopped dramatic increase in cases, there is a long tail with regularly reporting one or two cases, mostly in the Auckland Waitemata area.
- Source of infection confirms initially vast majority are people who have come in from overseas. Since the Lockdown these import related cases have been in bubbles within households. The locally acquired cases with unknown source – community transmission are the ones for concern. This has disappeared in the long tail. Cases now just occurring around clusters.

4 pillars of the strategy:

- Border controls (turn the tap off)
 - Robust case detection and surveillance – broad case definition based on respiratory has been loosened over pandemic. This will continue in the short term to support case finding to ensure there is nothing undetected. Targeted asymptomatic testing, short term strategy, deliberately looking in places cases may be found, e.g. airport workers. DHBs are deciding locally who are the most at risk groups to target and who has been underserved by testing. Ili surveillance is more important. Case definition and surveillance approach will change as in the winter months.
 - Effective contact tracing and quarantine – WHO approved target – 80% close contacts can be traced and quarantined within 4 days of exposure. Technology will make this faster.
 - Strong community support of control measures – physical distancing, good hygiene, staying home if sick, effective use of PPE when required
- End game – keep it out, find it, stamp it out until there is a vaccine - 12-18 months minimum

Webinar regarding Respiratory Planning in Primary Care – highly recommended

We highly recommend this Webinar via the YouTube link provided by our colleagues from THINK Hauora PHO at Mid Central. It provides great information about the streaming of respiratory patients, as well as planning for the future and business continuity discussion.

<https://youtu.be/fy3tbgcGkO4>

Your Health Summary (Shared Primary Care Record)

In previous *Fast Facts*, we have provided information regarding **Your Health Summary**.

We are expecting to provide Practices with further information early next week. In a nutshell, Your Health Summary allows authorised health professionals in alternative health settings to view a summary of patient information stored in general practice. Health Professionals will have an up to date summary at the time the patient presents, enabling health care to be delivered in a more safe, efficient and thorough manner.

Your Health Summary Data collected includes

- Patient information - dob, address, gender, ethnicity,
- Clinical information – medical conditions, medications, allergies, radiology results, lab results, discharge summaries, immunisations, recalls – all on a read only basis.

Next week, an information pack will be emailed to a nominated Practice Manager/GP Owner that outlines:

- What Your Health Summary is and the onboarding process
- How data is collected
- Privacy, security and confidentiality
- Clinical Governance and the role of the Clinical Director
- Frequently Asked Questions GP and patient
- Practice Agreement
- Patient information
- Opt off process

Consent to collect patient health information – your patients directly consent to health information being collected when they sign an enrolment form with their general practice. However, further information will be supplied to practices in the pack.

A Zoom meeting is currently being organised for the next week with the YHS Clinical Director, Dr Daniel Calder where the Your Health Summary will be fully explained, and your questions answered. Date and time will be sent when details are finalised.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

The mobile service based at The Fono in West Auckland has advised they are receiving walk-in patients referred by multiple GP Practices for COVID-19 testing. Please note that The Fono is NOT a CBAC and does not accept walk-ins.

The CBAC in West Auckland is **Whanau House** – this is where patients should be referred for swabbing (or any designated practice). Attached is a list of current operational CBACs and their address/opening hours. This is also available on Healthpathways and can be distributed to patients.

For patients where a mobile testing service is appropriate (eg transport or mobility issues) providers (not patients) can make this referral through the central referral number (0800COVIDVAN).

A message from Mercy Hospice (Dr Pam Jennings)

Mercy Hospice remains focused on the safety of our patients, their families and whanau, and our staff.

There is a continuing risk of Covid-19 community transmission, but the risk is lower, and we are now able to broaden our arrangements for visitors to patients in our inpatient unit.

Please find attached an "Update re: Visitors to Mercy Hospice Inpatient Unit Under Alert Level 2".

Please do not hesitate to contact Mercy Hospice for further information. Contact details are on the document.