

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

We are aware that General Practices are being swamped with copious amounts of information relating to COVID-19, PPE, case definition, swabbing/testing criteria, CBACs etc as are PHOs. In order to consolidate the information, the NRHCC (Northern Region Health Communication Centre) will be sending out an update via Medinz later today or early Monday.

We appreciate that everyone is feeling tired and a tad over COVID-19. If there is anything the Auckland PHO team can do to further support the practice and/or the team, please contact Barb or Charlotte. Go well and have a restful weekend.

**INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS IMPORTED SURGICAL MASKS ARE SAFE FOR USE**

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Health identified potential concerns with inconsistency in the labelling and certification of some batches of surgical masks imported into New Zealand.

One of these batches was widely distributed across metro Auckland and, as a precautionary measure, these masks were put on hold.

The Ministry has worked with urgency to complete its investigation and quality assurance checks, which have confirmed these masks are compliant and safe to use.

Any supplies of these masks can now be returned to normal circulation.

The Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), on behalf of the metro Auckland DHBs, would like to thank primary care for their cooperation.

The NRHCC also thanks Zuru, the manufacturer of the affected masks, for their support and working quickly to resolve the issue.

The Ministry will continue to carefully monitor all items of PPE to ensure they are compliant, including working with other agencies and drawing on international experience to inform their work.

For any questions please email [matt.hannant@middlemore.co.nz](mailto:matt.hannant@middlemore.co.nz).

**CPR TRAINING**

Sessions are offered free of charge to our practice teams on:

**Level 3**

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 July 2020

**Time:** 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Level 4**

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 July 2020

**Time:** 6pm - 8.30pm

**Level 5**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 August 2020

**Time:** 6pm - 9pm

**Venue:** Auckland PHO, Level 4, 210 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton

**RSVP:** to [priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz](mailto:priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz)

**IMMUNISATION UPDATE****Brand Changes effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and Immunisation Updates****PCV10**

PCV10 will no longer be given at 3 months from 1 July 2020. PCV10 vaccine will change from a 3+1 (three primary doses with a booster dose) to a 2+1 (two primary doses with booster) primary series.

From 1 July 2020, children who have not yet had their 6 week or 3 month immunisations will be on the 2+1 series (ie 6 weeks, 5 months plus booster dose).

**PCV13**

The special groups pneumococcal high-risk programme PCV13 vaccine will continue to be given at 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months with the booster at 12 months.

**Hep B**

All HBVaxPro to be replaced with Engerix B 20mcg. This will now be the only funded Hep B vaccine available for all age groups.

**Varicella (Varilrix)**

Varicella/Varilrix is changing brands to Varivax. There is no change to the schedule and will continue to be given at 15 months and 11 years (for those patients who have never had a Varicella vaccination or have no history of having chicken pox).

If you have any queries regarding this update, contact Louise Goodall Child Health Coordinator [louise@aucklandpho.co.nz](mailto:louise@aucklandpho.co.nz) or [immunisation@health.govt.nz](mailto:immunisation@health.govt.nz)

**LABTESTS OPERATIONAL LABORATORY UPDATE**

Please follow this [link](#) to view Labtests latest update:

- Labtest Collection Centre update
- Skin scraping for mycology testing
- Microbiology update for level 1

**WDHB PRIMARY CARE CONNECTIONS EDUCATION SESSION  
CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**

General practitioners and practice nurses are invited to attend the Child and Youth Mental Health WDHB Primary Care Connections education session via Zoom webinar.

**Date:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.45pm

To register, please click on the [link here](#) and record your details. Upon registration you will receive a confirmation email which gives the Zoom connection details. The programme for the session is attached. (attachment 1)

Attendees will be able to submit queries in advance via the registration process and during the zoom session via the chat function. The presenters will provide feedback on the evening and follow up after the session if required.

Please also note this event qualifies for continuing medical education (CME) points. Certificates will be emailed out for nursing portfolios.

Please contact Keryn Bradley by Monday 29th June should you have any queries: [keryn.bradley@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:keryn.bradley@waitematadhb.govt.nz)

## NEW 2020 NZ ADOLESCENT AND ADULT ASTHMA GUIDELINES UPDATE

### Webinar Event with Prof Richard Beasley

Date: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Time: 6.30pm (45 minutes presentation and 15 minutes questions)

Register here:

<https://webstreamlive.com/astrazeneca/au/090620>

For more information, please see attachment (2).

### VIRTUAL SHARED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT (SMA) WEBINAR

Learn about practical tips and tricks on how to get started as well as the benefits of SMAs for patients and providers

This Health Care Home Collaborative webinar will be delivered in collaboration with Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine

#### What are Shared Medical Appointments (SMAs)

SMAs are a series of consecutive individual medical consultations in a supportive group setting where all can listen, interact, and learn.

SMAs are also called group visits and are an evolving way of managing chronic disease in primary care. An SMA is both an individual consultation and an informal group education session. These are now being delivered virtually across New Zealand and Australia.

Date: Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Time: 5.00pm – 6pm

#### Panelists include:

- **Professor Garry Egger** - Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine and Professor of Health and Human Sciences at Southern Cross University Australia
- **Associate Professor John Stevens** - Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine and Associate Professor and Health scientist (Adj.) Southern Cross University's School of Health and Human Sciences in Australia
- **Dr Andrew Miller** - Clinical lead Health Care Home Collaborative, Chair Mahitahi Hauora, GP, Northland DHB
- **Dr Glen Davies** - GP Taupo Medical Centre

RSVP by clicking: [here](#). A recording will be made available on the [HCH YouTube Channel](#) shortly afterwards.

## WOUND CARE WORKSHOP FOR RNS/ENS

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Time: 9am – 1.30pm

Venue: Waitakere conference room, Waitakere Hospital

Topics:

- Innovations in wound care – biofilm based wound care management
- Palliative wound care management
- How to take a swab, a refresher, changes and why

Pantry wound care

RSVP to [Sasha.mckinlay@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:Sasha.mckinlay@waitematadhb.govt.nz)

For more information, please see attachment (3).

### RED WHALE WEBINAR SERIES

Red Whale is a comprehensive update for primary health care professionals: GPs, Primary Care Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists. Our GP's do all the legwork to bring you up to speed on the latest evidence and guidance.

This year is different from any other, and we want to make it easy and safe for you to stay fully up to date, so Red Whale 2020 is being presented as a webinar series over 4 nights in September.

#### Webinar weekly series:

Date: - 2, 9, 16 and 23 September 2020

Time 7.30pm weekly

This webinar series is for GPs, primary care nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse prescribers, pharmacists: anyone who wants to keep up to date across the whole field of primary care.

Further information and registration: [Click here](#)



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