

COVID-19 TESTING ADVICE AND CTCs OPEN THIS WEEK**Primary care response**

With no new community cases primary care will remain at Green Alert Level on the metro Auckland Primary Care Alert Response framework.

COVID-19 testing advice

A reminder that updated testing advice was released by the MOH (see attached). This included a small change in the guidance for community testing – the addition of pregnant and recently pregnant women to the asymptomatic category, and a reminder for managing Group A streptococcal throat infections in priority populations.

CTCs open this week

Please be aware that six of our CTCs – Northcote, Henderson, Western Springs, New Lynn, Otara and Wiri will be open this week. Up-to-date information on CTC locations and opening hours is at www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test

[COVID-19 Testing Strategy - 19 October to 1 November.pdf](#)

To send feedback, please email

Stuart.Jenkins@waitematadhb.govt.nz

HOW TO REFER TO WAITEMATĀ DHB MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Waitematā DHB has produced a new resource to make referring to their service easier. It includes:

- What information to include in routine referrals
- How to make urgent referrals to mental health services
- Contact details for the Waitematā DHB mental health team

The resource is available here: [Accessing and making referrals](#) to WDHB. It is also attached below.

This and other mental health service information is available on HealthPathways by following the links below:

[Mental Health Advice](#)

[Acute Specialised Mental Health Assessment](#)

[Non-acute Specialised Mental Health Assessment](#)

[WaitemataDHB AccessingAdviceAndMakingReferrals AdultMentalHealthServices.pdf](#) [354.7 KB]

Please send feedback to

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GP NZ PANUI 29 OCTOBER 2020

GP NZ, the General Practice Advocacy and Support organisation that Auckland PHO belongs to have published their fortnightly [newsletter](#)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2020 Annual General Meeting is to be held on **18th November 2020 at 6.30PM**

Shareholders are invited to join Directors at the Auckland PHO office, 210 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton or by Zoom. Further information regarding proxies, and nominations for Directors are included in the AGM papers which will be sent early next week.

**MESSAGES FROM THE DG HEALTH,
Dr ASHLEY BLOOMFIELD**

See attachment (1).

NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL JOURNAL

Read the latest medical research including editorial on racism and equity in health, articles on access to contraceptives in Southern DHB, thyroid ultrasounds, cervical abnormalities in the post-vaccination era, as well as a research letter, and a case report on Eagle syndrome, among others.

Read the latest issue Vol 133 No 1524: [30 October 2020](#)

Login: Barbara@aucklandpho.co.nz

Password: Yellow2020

CME/CNE MEDICINAL CANNABIS

Date: Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Speaker: **Dr Graham Gulbransen**, a medically trained Cannabis Consultant, GP and Addiction Specialist providing specialist consultations for legal medicinal cannabis prescriptions.

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

RSVP: email priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz

Zoom: register with [this link](#)

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HQSC WEBINAR: ACTIVATING IPC NETWORKS WITHIN AGED RESIDENTIAL CARE

The Health Quality & Safety Commission (HQSC) is hosting a webinar on Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) networks within aged residential care (ARC). IPC and ARC sector experts will present the findings from the recent survey, *Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) – gaps and opportunities identified during COVID-19 response* and discuss opportunities to leverage networks for shared learning and collaboration.

Who should attend

ARC managers and IPC Coordinators (from both stand-alone and group providers), primary care, and/or other staff who have a lead role in IPC education and support within ARC.

Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2020

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Registration link and for more information - [click here](#)

Please send feedback to

Matt.Hannant@middlemore.co.nz

FREE DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP

GRAFTON - ASIAN SPECIFIC

Date: Saturday, 14 November 2020

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm (lunch provided)

Venue: Auckland PHO Office

Unit D, Level 4, 210 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton.

If you have any queries or require further information about DSME please contact Carol on 379-4022.

TOTARA HEALTH SERVICES CLINICAL SERIES - ADDICTION MANAGEMENT

Date: Wednesday, 25th November 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Level 2, Meeting Room, Totara Health Services, 1 McCrae Way, New Lynn

Presenter: Dr Vicki Macfarlane

RSVP: [click here](#) and register before Wednesday, 18th November

LOCUM GP

Locum cover needed at Glenavon Doctors for 3 days - Thursday 28 January, Friday 29 January and Tuesday 2 February 2021.

Please email – drshobi@glenavondoctors.com

ACC HTI EDUCATION SESSIONS 2020

See attachment (2) for background information regarding HTI referral service background and the November HTI Education Sessions Agenda

Registration has been opened for the Shoulder/Cervical Spine sessions which will be the last for 2020. If you'd like to be able to use the pathway for **ALL** body areas, please RSVP to the session(s) [here](#)

If you attended one of the online sessions run through lockdown, please register for the second session - Shoulder/Cervical Spine

You are welcome to attend the practical session for Knee and Lumbar Spine if you'd like a refresher

Knee and Lumbar Spine

Date: Wednesday 11 November

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: TRG Ormiston, 125 Ormiston Road, Botany Junction, Manukau 2164

Knee and Lumbar Spine

Date: Wednesday 11 November

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Mercy Epsom, 98 Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland 1023

Shoulder and Cervical Spine

Date: Wednesday 18 November

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: TRG Lincoln Road, 131 Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland 0610

Shoulder and Cervical Spine

Date: Thursday 19 November

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Mercy Epsom, 98 Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland 1023

Please note:

- You must complete the online learning modules prior to attending the session(s).
- ONE MOPS point is awarded for participation in the online course.
- TWO MOPS points are awarded for attendance at each practical assessment session.

Further information including the session agenda and learning outcomes are attached.

If you have any questions please email Violet.George-Hickin@procare.co.nz



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