

The number of measles cases in New Zealand has risen, bringing the total to **21 cases** since the first case on 18 October:

- The latest case in Auckland has been linked to a previous overseas-acquired case.
- Cases are currently known in Northland, Auckland, Taranaki, Manawatū, Wellington, and Nelson.
- There is a strong likelihood of undetected community transmission, and over 2000 close contacts, so more cases are expected to emerge as investigations continue.
- A close contact visitor from New Zealand has recently arrived to the Cook Islands on Saturday 22nd November 2025. As a precaution, the close contact is currently in quarantine on Rarotonga and will be monitored by Te Marae Ora Ministry of Health (TMO) on a daily basis. TMO has also been working with the accommodation provider and in constant communication with New Zealand Ministry of Health for technical advice.

TMO are planning to undertake a target measles vaccination roll out to be announced shortly with details.

TMO will continue to monitor and keep the public informed. Parents or guardians are encouraged to check measles vaccination status of their children, if in doubt to contact the Tupapa Primary Care Centre on 20066 or Public Health on 29110.

Health New Zealand is managing a national response to the outbreak with intensive contact tracing and case management. Cases are being isolated and non-immune contacts supported to quarantine.

In Australia, as of the 20 November, 157 measles cases have been reported across New South Wales (NSW), Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territories and Western Australia (WA), largely due to international travel. Individuals who visited exposure sites are advised to monitor for symptoms up to three weeks from the exposure date and seek medical advice if symptoms develop.

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