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Re: Official Information Act request – Measles at Helensville Primary School

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 September 2019 to Waitemata DHB and transferred from Waitemata DHB to Auckland DHB on 18 September 2019 requesting the following information:

Was the DHB notified of any cases of measles by Helensville Primary School between 1 March 2019 and 18 May 2019 inclusive?

If so:

- **On which date(s) was the DHB notified?**
- **What advice was provided to the school and on which date(s) was this provided?**
- **What steps were taken to ensure this advice was followed?**

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitematā District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS's core role is to protect and promote public health.

There was one confirmed measles case who attends Helensville Primary School between the 1 March – 18 May 2019. This case was reported to ARPHS on 10th May 2019. The case did not attend school during their infectious period and the school was contacted by our Medical Officer to verify this. This meant that a letter to parents was not required. The Principal discussed the potential to raise awareness of symptoms of measles with their school community and the measles fact sheet was emailed to her. No further advice was required.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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