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Below are some questions we've been answering from those involved in our 2020/21 Measles Campaign. We thought we would put them together for you to use.

Please pass these on to the people you work with. And thanks to those of you who have provided some content too. Keep sending it through!

DATA COLLECTION

Do we have to opt all patients born after 2005 on to the National Immunisation Register (NIR)?	<p>Patients born before 2005 must be opt/ed on to the NIR or vaccinations given will not message from your practice management system to the NIR and your data won't be collected. You only need to opt patients born before 2005 on to the NIR if you're vaccinating them, either with MMR or any other vaccine (COVID-19 vaccine has a different process for the time being). Patients born after 2005 are already enrolled.</p> <p>As part of the contract signed with the Ministry, the DHB must ensure all authorised vaccinators enter vaccination records into the NIR unless the person receiving the vaccine chooses not to opt on to the NIR. Please record the numbers of people choosing not to opt on to more accurately reflect the numbers of vaccinations being administered.</p>
Do we need to manually input historical data from Practice Management systems (PMS) into the NIR?	<p>The Ministry of Health has not asked for this. However, your District Health Board (DHB) may have asked this of you. Check with your local immunisation co-ordinator or campaign lead.</p>
How are MMR vaccinations being counted for those that don't have PMS systems i.e. DHBs, school-based programs?	<p>All MMR vaccinations given, whether it be in General Practice, School Based services, or opportunistically need to be entered onto the NIR. This is the source of truth and is used to reimburse DHBs for the administration of vaccines throughout the campaign (we cannot just use Proclaims data for this as it is incomplete).</p>
Some other handy tips!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check all patients are 'opt/ed on' to the NIR when the event is entered. ▪ All practices need to ensure their new GPs are loaded on to their PMS. ▪ Check NIR Utilities box for failed messages – then correct and resend. ▪ Ensure the correct immunisation event is selected – don't choose a childhood MMR from the children's schedule for an adult.

CLINICAL QUESTIONS

Do I need to know someone's MMR history before giving them another MMR vaccination?	<p>Where possible, it is important to check if someone has previously been fully vaccinated for MMR. However, as long as you have carried out a pre-vaccine check (e.g. asking the patient 'have you had a vaccine in the past 4 weeks?', 'are you pregnant? etc'), then there are no safety concerns with administering extra doses of MMR. It is better to give another dose to be sure.</p> <p>See advice from the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) and excerpt from the Immunisation Handbook below: Excerpt from immunisation handbook 2020 12.5.2</p> <p>All persons born from 1 January 1969 with only one documented dose of prior MMR should receive a further dose of MMR; if there are no documented doses of prior MMR or documented evidence of immunity, then two doses should be administered, at least four weeks apart.</p> <p>IMAC key messages re MMR vaccination</p>
What consent form should I be using?	<p>Most DHBs will have a generic immunisation consent form that you can use or adapt. There is no specific MMR consent form required.</p> <p>For school based services, consent forms are available to order on the HealthEd website at https://www.healthed.govt.nz/</p>
Where do I find our data?	<p>A break down on your DHB/ PHO / clinic data is available via Qlik. You can get this information from your local NIR team (we are also sending data out to DHB Measles Campaign leads and other stakeholders).</p>
Why are there different places for data?	<p>Data comes from two collection points - NIR and Claims. Claims will not give a true count of data as some MMR vaccines are given in the community e.g. outreach, school based services. Please ensure all MMR vaccines given are loaded onto the NIR via your local NIR team or loaded into a PMS.</p>
We are carrying out opportunistic MMR vaccination in the community. Does it matter if the patient is enrolled?	<p>MMR vaccine can be given to any eligible person for free. They do not need to be enrolled. If a non-enrolled patient presents to your practice, you will need to register them as a casual to ensure you get payment. Please do not charge an administration fee as this service is funded. If you are giving MMR in the community, completed consent forms must be given to the NIR team in your area for manual loading.</p>

If you have any questions, please get in touch – measles.campaign@health.govt.nz

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