

Measles case on Singapore Airlines flight, attended West Auckland practice

- ARPHS is contacting patients who were in the Henderson Medical Centre waiting room on 22
- The measles case presented at the medical centre on the same day they flew in from Singapore
- Passengers on the flight are being contacted and a media alert has been issued.

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Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is tracing Henderson Medical Centre patients who were sitting in the same waiting room with a person who has measles on Thursday 22 February.

This is the only confirmed case of measles in the Auckland region at the moment. There is no evidence to date of community spread.

The case landed at Auckland International Airport at 11.45am on 22 February, and went straight to the medical centre.

Since then the case and household contacts have remained in isolation at home in West Auckland.

The exposures have been limited to 21-22 February. This means if there were any secondary cases they will appear from 1 March – 8 March.

A media release alerting passengers on the Singapore Airlines flight SQ285 that they may have been exposed to measles has been covered by the media.

Please use this case as an opportunity to promote MMR vaccination to any patients who have not been fully vaccinated.

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