



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

### MEASLES ADVISORY 22

The national measles campaign will continue to target people who are most at risk of being infected by measles and spreading the disease.

Since the outbreak was declared on Thursday 7 November 2019, around 328,000 people in Fiji have been immunised against measles.

Target groups are:

- All children aged 6 months to 5 years
- All people born between 1980 and 2000 (19 to 39 year olds, who should have ID available if asked)
- Any child in Fiji who has not received 2 doses of a measles vaccine according to the national immunisation schedule
- Any child in Fiji aged 12 and 18 months in Fiji who are due their routine measles immunisation according to the national immunisation schedule
- Any person in Fiji travelling overseas (evidence of travel must be provided i.e. a travel itinerary or ticket)
- All health care workers
- All airport and port-of-entry workers, and hotel staff

The only exceptions to those in the above groups are pregnant women, children under the age of 6 months, those with compromised immune systems (including those on immunosuppressive medication/treatment), and those with a known allergy to the vaccine. These people should not be vaccinated.

**The vaccination campaign is still running in all Divisions.**

Immunisation for target groups will be available at all Ministry of Health and Medical Services health centres and nursing stations. Ministry teams will continue to go house to house to immunise people in the target groups.

Immunisation outreach posts have also been set up at the following locations for the target groups:

Sub Division	Immunisation outreach post	Weekdays
<b>WESTERN DIVISION</b>		
Lautoka	Shirley Park Churchill Park Ground 2 Kamikamica Park New Wing Lautoka Market Divisional Corrections Centre Compound	9am to 4.30pm
Nadi	Nais Dais Namaka Reproductive Health Clinic Namaka Health Centre Namaka Flea Market	9am to 4.30pm
Sigatoka	St Joan of Arc School	9am to 4.30pm
Tavua	Market Place	9am to 4.30pm
Ba	Jolly-Good Park Ba Market Bure	9am to 4.30pm
Rakiraki	Ground next to Provincial Administrator's office	9am to 4.30pm
<b>EASTERN DIVISION</b>		
Levuka	Health facilities and house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm

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<b>EASTERN DIVISION</b>		
Rotuma	Health facilities and house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm
Moala, Lakeba	Health facilities and house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm
Lomaloma	Health facilities and house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm
Kadavu	Health facilities and house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm
Koro	Health centre, nursing station, house to house outreach	8am to 4.30pm
<b>CENTRAL DIVISION</b>		
Nausori	Nausori Health Centre, Nakasi Health Centre, Wainibokasi Hospital	9am to 4.30pm
Valelevu	Valelevu Health Centre	9am to 4.30pm
Raiwaqa	Raiwaqa Health Centre grounds	9am to 4.30pm
Lami	Lami Health Centre	9am to 4.30pm
Suva	Suva Health Centre	9am to 4.30pm
Makoi	Makoi Health Centre, Makoi Maternity Unit	9am to 4.30pm
Samabula	Samabula Health Centre	9am to 4.30pm
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION</b>		
Macuata	Labasa Hub, All health centres and nursing stations	9am-4.30pm
Cakaudrove	All health centres and nursing stations, Savusavu market, Community outreach	9am-4.30pm
Bua	All health centres and nursing stations Community outreach	9am-4.30pm
Taveuni	All health centres and nursing stations	9am-4.30pm

Measles is very contagious. To help stop the spread of the disease, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services also advises Fijians to take the following precautions:

- **Avoid non-essential travel to Serua/Namosi, Nasilai Village Nakelo, Saumakia village in Naitasiri.** Non-essential travel includes all visits and gatherings. If you need to travel to these areas, please get vaccinated against measles at least two weeks before travel. Please avoid taking those that cannot get vaccinated (e.g. babies under the age of 6 months and pregnant women) to the outbreak areas.
- **Avoid holding or attending large gatherings of people**, especially in Central Division, but also those that bring participants from across the country or overseas (such as youth camps, religious gatherings, graduation ceremonies, sporting events, etc). Measles can spread very easily among large groups of people if they are not immune, who can then take the disease back into their communities.
- **If you are holding an event or gathering with international visitors, or participants from an outbreak area, please strongly encourage them to get vaccinated against measles at least two (2) weeks before travel.** This especially applies to visitors traveling from other countries with measles outbreaks i.e. New Zealand, Samoa and Tonga.

**Please be aware of the symptoms of measles:**

Fever and a rash with any of the following: runny nose, sneezing, cough, red/watery eyes, white spots inside the mouth. The rash starts after the other symptoms and spreads all over the body.

If you develop the symptoms listed above please call one of the following numbers. These numbers are only to be used for people who think they, or a family member has the measles. If you need to see a doctor please call the facility before you arrive so they can ensure you do not infect other patients.

- Central 2219905**
- Eastern 2219906**
- Western 2219907**
- Northern 2219908**

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services urges the public to take heed of our advice to protect yourselves and your families from measles

