
Appendix 9: Websites

A9.1 New Zealand-based websites

Ministry of Health

www.health.govt.nz

The official website for the Ministry of Health.

Immunisation

www.health.govt.nz/immunisation and
www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/immunisation

Ministry of Health information about immunisation in New Zealand, including vaccination laws and practices, information for parents/guardians, young people and health professionals about the vaccines and the disease they protect against, immunisation coverage, and links to other reputable national and international websites. Electronic versions of the *Handbook* (pdf, html and ebook) are also available.

Pregnancy and kids

www.health.govt.nz/your-health/pregnancy-and-kids

Ministry of Health information for parents, guardians and whānau about pregnancy, labour and birth, and caring for children during their first 5 years.

Pharmaceutical Management Agency (PHARMAC)

www.pharmac.govt.nz

Information about the medicines (including vaccines) and related products which are funded on the Pharmaceutical Schedule for use in the community and public hospitals. Electronic versions of the

Pharmaceutical Schedule and updates (pdf and html) are published on the website (www.pharmac.govt.nz/tools-resources/pharmaceutical-schedule).

Medsafe – New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority

www.medsafe.govt.nz

Information on the regulation of medicines and medical devices in New Zealand and the safe use of medicines, including medicine data sheets for health professionals and consumer medicine information for consumers.

Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd (ESR)

www.esr.cri.nz

A source of New Zealand infectious disease epidemiology, including regular surveillance reports for a number of diseases.

HealthEd

www.healthed.govt.nz

A source of public health education resources, including immunisation and communicable diseases, for health professionals and the public. Resources can be viewed, downloaded and/or ordered from this site.

Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC)

www.immune.org.nz

Information for parents and clinicians, including newsletters for providers of immunisation services in New Zealand.

KidsHealth

www.kidshealth.org.nz

A joint initiative between the Paediatric Society of New Zealand Inc and the Starship Foundation. The KidsHealth website provides accurate and reliable information about children's health for New Zealand parents and caregivers, the wider family and whānau, and health professionals working with parents.

Health Promotion Agency (HPA)

www.hpa.org.nz

The HPA works closely with the Ministry of Health to deliver immunisation messages to the general public.

A9.2 International websites

World Health Organization (WHO)

www.who.int/immunization/en/

A source of statistics, graphs and maps for immunisation profiles, by country. Useful for the practitioner planning vaccination of an immigrant child based on the current Schedule.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/vaccines

This site includes sections on the vaccines recommended (in the US) by age and for specific groups of people, and also includes safety factsheets for individual vaccines.

Immunization Action Coalition

www.immunize.org

Educational information for both clinicians and parents. This site includes an ‘Unprotected people reports’ section and has its own search facility.

Healthychildren.org – American Academy of Pediatrics

www.healthychildren.org

Information for parents and clinicians, which includes colourful (and graphic) pictures. Useful articles include ‘Why immunize your child?’ and ‘Vaccine safety: examine the evidence’.

Institute for Vaccine Safety

www.vaccinesafety.edu

Information on the safety of recommended vaccines and current vaccine issues in the media. Based at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.

The Vaccine Page

www.vaccines.org

The latest information and news about vaccines for adults, parents, practitioners and researchers. This site also has links to journals and other vaccine-related sites.

National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS)

www.ncirs.edu.au

An Australian-based research organisation that provides independent expert advice on all aspects of vaccine-preventable diseases and social and other issues related to immunisation.

A9.3 Influenza-related websites

National Influenza Specialist Group

www.influenza.org.nz

Influenza immunisation programme for health professionals. Information for consumers is available on the Fight Flu website (www.fightflu.co.nz).

Ministry of Health – Pandemic planning and response

www.health.govt.nz/our-work/emergency-management/pandemic-planning-and-response

Pandemic planning and response information, including the current pandemic influenza alert status and pandemic influenza plans, policies and other guidance for the health sector.

Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd

SHIVERS

www.esr.cri.nz/health-science/our-work/shivers

The SHIVERS (Southern Hemisphere Influenza, Vaccine Effectiveness, Research and Surveillance) study is collecting New Zealand data to help better understand the burden of disease and how to prevent its spread. It includes weekly community and hospital surveillance reports for severe acute respiratory infections and influenza-like illness.

Virological surveillance

surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/virology.php

Weekly influenza surveillance reports from sentinel general practices throughout New Zealand.

WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza, Melbourne, Australia

www.influenzacentre.org

Part of the WHO's Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System. The Centre analyses influenza viruses currently circulating in the human population in different countries around the world.

WHO – Global Influenza Programme

www.who.int/influenza/en

Information on national influenza centres and vaccine manufacturers around the world, as well as global surveillance data and links to reports of the *Weekly Epidemiological Record*.

WHO – FluNet

www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en

The WHO's geographical information system for monitoring global influenza activity. Recent activity is featured in a series of animated maps and news reports, and listings of participating centres, influenza vaccine manufacturers and related websites are provided.

CDC – Influenza (Flu)

www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm

Information for the general public and health professionals on influenza viruses, vaccines, and antiviral agents, and on the clinical features and natural history of human influenza.

A9.4 Travel-related websites

Ministry of Health – Travelling

www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/travelling

Information to help travellers manage risk and stay well. Includes links to other New Zealand-based travel websites.

WHO – International travel and health

www.who.int/ith/en/

Immunisation and disease information for travellers.

CDC – Travelers’ health

wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel

US-based information for travellers and health professionals, including updates on national and international disease outbreaks.

Fitfortravel

www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Travel health information for people travelling abroad from the UK, including updates on national and international disease outbreaks.