

ANNEXURE C

COVID-19

ARPHS Omicron plan
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Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Rātonga Hauora ā Iwi o Tamaki Makaurau



Working with the people of Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau

ARPHS immediate plan for next 4-5 days

Assumption: doubling of case number every 2-3 days. Tāmaki Makaurau and NDHB. Estimate 200 cases by 8 Feb (Tāmaki Makaurau).

Activity	ARPHS role	Regional/National
Case and Contact Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARPHS will accept cases, prioritising PH Assessment criteria 9. • MRCH continue to refer Māori cases 6-9 to ARPHS (due to capacity). • PaRCH continue to manage cases 6-9 initial call, ARPHS pick up case and contact management 6-9 • ARPHS and regional partners (PaRCH and MRCH) will not have a role in border cases. • All cases 1-5 continue to be managed by NITC and contracted partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other cases require management by NITC, PaRCH or MRCH. • More detail required from ARPHS intel on #. • PaRCH continue to build relationship with NITC regarding Pasifika case and contact management. • NITC to pick up NCTS allocation for Pasifika cases 1-5.
Exposure Event Management	<p>Continue with list of high risk EEs.</p> <p>ARPHS will prioritise those with highest risk of transmission, super spreader, vulnerable communities.</p> <p>ARPHS will continue with supporting Education exposures, until transition to exceptions only (within 1 week).</p> <p>Critical regional services.</p> <p>Tangihanga Marae Pasifika churches Other residential facilities -= disability homes Youth justice Prison (as required) Primary care Hospitality/Gyms Workplaces support where capacity allows (until national collateral and process in place)</p>	<p>Requires self management or NITC to manage those that ARPHS do not have capacity for.</p> <p>NRHCC to lead/coordinate transitional housing, NRHCC to request support from ARPHS as required.</p> <p>NRHCC to lead/coordinate ARCs. NRHCC to request support from ARPHS if required.</p> <p>Each DHB to manage healthcare EEs (excluding primary care).</p> <p>Requires definition of critical services, notification process from critical services organisations, exemption from quarantine plan from MoH.</p>

ARPHS plan for transition week 7 Feb

Estimate 200 cases by 8 Feb (Tāmaki Makaurau).

Activity	Detail of ARPHS role	Comments
Education EEs	Transition to priority EEs only: special schools, Special units in mainstream schools, Kura Kaupapa, Kohanga Reo, Pasifika language nests.	All other education EEs to be managed nationally (MoH, MoE). Would include NITC notifying schools of exposures.
Case and contact management	No role in case and contact management	NITC, MRCH, PaRCH hold the role
Primary care EE		Self management with support regionally or nationally
Workplaces (other than critical services)		Self management with support nationally from MBIE/MoH/NITC
Border worker cases		NITC responsibility
Hospitality (bars and nightclubs)		NITC responsibility
Gyms		Self management
Weddings, funerals		One off exposure event. LOI and advice. Managed by NITC
Prisons		Self management for new inmates

Enablers - National

Enabler: NITC and contracted parties	Comments
NITC increasing their capacity for higher volumes of case and contact management	ARPHS will move away from all case and contact management
NITC upskilling in exposure event management	
How will workplaces know they have to self manage their exposure events?	Requires national comms.
Self management portal – how will exposure events be referred to PHUs	
Confirmation of who is monitoring and reviewing information in self management portal (scan for any risks, referrals for exposure events etc)	
Plan of non-self management case pathway including contingency plan for low uptake of self management portal	
How will exposure events be referred to PHUs from NITC (self management and non-self management)	
Self management portal – how will these folk be supported when they have issues?	Email and phone number on privacy screen
Contact tracing upload tool - implementation	

Enablers - National

Enabler: Ministry of Health and AoG	Comments
Critical Services Management Plan including notification process for critical services to request support for quarantine exemptions. Including appropriate resources for Māori and Pasifika peoples.	
Workplaces – any references to PHU support to be removed (except critical services). NITC portal upload beneficial.	
How will a workplace/organisation raise a significant issue with public health? Will they be directed to Whakarongorau? If so, Whakarongorau require upskilling.	Identifying workplaces as superspreader events, referral process to PHUs is required.
Further national communication on preparedness for schools and workplaces (including Māori and Pasifika places). How do I avoid spread in my school or workplace.	
MoE upskilling in mainstream education exposure events and relationship with NITC	
RAT/RTW plan for businesses.	