



Harper St Health Newsletter

Kia ora and Welcome to our March Newsletter

With Christmas, New Year and Waitangi Day all distant memories, we look forward to what the next three months have to offer.

Covid remains forever on everyone's minds, and we as health providers appreciate the work that all our patients do in assisting to keep our community safe. It's great to see a shift in mind set with people staying off work when they are unwell and having Covid Swabs as required.

MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) National Campaign

This campaign to target those aged between 15-29yrs who may not have been vaccinated, or may have only received 1 Measles vaccination continues, thanks to all those who have responded to our phone call and txt messages and have called to either update their vaccination records or booked in for their FREE MMR vaccination. For anyone who has not responded, we would really appreciate it if you could.

Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

We have had word from the Ministry that the seasonal Flu Vaccinations are due to commence on 14th April 2021. These will initially be available to Adults aged 65 years and over. From 21st April vaccinations will be extended to those who meet the criteria for a funded vaccination, frontline and health care workers. From 28th April vaccinations will be available to the general population.

Covid Vaccinations

Like you all, we are awaiting news from our District Health Board regarding the Covid Vaccinations, including where and when these will be available. In the meantime, we would ask that you continue to let reception know if you are experiencing any cold or flu like symptoms when you make your appointment, this will allow us to manage your consultation appropriately. It is also important to continue to use the covid tracer when out and about.

Manage My Health Portal

At Harper St Health we use Manage My Health as our Patient Portal. Enrolling is as easy as providing reception with your email address and completing our consent form. Enrolling on Manage My Health enables you to access your medical records, request repeat prescriptions, view test results, and communicate securely with your health provider. Enrolling with Manage My Health is free, however there are costs for services such as online consultations and repeat medications. Manage My Health does have a facility to book an appointment, however, as we live in a Covid environment this function has been temporarily closed off.

Talk to reception staff or your health provider if you are wanting to enrol.

General

Easter is on the horizon, so hopefully you all have the opportunity for a break. We will be closed for the stat days only. If you require medical attention on the stat days, please call after hours on 03 684 8209.

