



Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) Provider Update

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From the WCTO Promotion Team at the Immunisation Advisory Centre

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the WCTO programme
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New autism assessment tool¹

Early detection of autism is critical as it provides access to early intervention, improving children's developmental outcomes and quality of life, and decreasing family stress. A new diagnostic tool, Monitoring of Social Attention Interaction and Communication (MoSAIC) – previously known as SACS – was

recently developed by Dr Josephine Barbaro, from La Trobe University Melbourne. MoSAIC is the most accurate and sensitive method for the early identification of autism in the world, and is used across Australia, the Asia-Pacific, and Europe. In Australia, the MoSAIC tool is being used by child health nurses to monitor children for autism at their routine, community-based health checks between 12 and 24 months of age.



In June this year, approximately 60 WCTO health professionals in the Wellington region were trained to use the MoSAIC tool by Dr

Barbaro. The training and subsequent evaluation is a collaboration between

Autism New Zealand, the Victoria University of Wellington and La Trobe University. The training involved understanding early social attention, interaction, and communication development and key markers of autism (eg, difficulties with eye contact, gestures, and imitation). The training also involved learning how to discuss developmental surveillance and the likelihood of autism with parents as well as the pathway for making a referral for an autism diagnosis. Autism New Zealand received extremely positive feedback about the training from WCTO staff and are looking for funding to provide further training across the country.

Samoa's Health Ministry says the
deaths of two infants last year were
caused by nurses mixing the wrong
liquid with MMR vaccines

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/391340/baby-deaths-caused-by-incorrect-vaccination-procedure-samoa-health-ministry-confirms>

¹ Content provided by Larah van der Meer (Research and Advocacy Advisor), Autism New Zealand

Vaping facts website

The [Vaping Facts website](#), developed by the New Zealand Ministry of Health and the Health Promotion Agency, went live on Sunday June 9th. The site includes three main topics:

- key facts about vaping (eg, what is vaping, nicotine and vaping, the risks of vaping, vaping and the law, and vaping and pregnancy)
- information on vaping versus smoking (eg, costs and relative harm)
- vaping to quit smoking (eg, essential tips for success, support for quitting smoking, and vaping safety).



Changes to infant formula marketing

The Code of Practice for Marketing of Infant Formula in New Zealand now restricts the marketing of infant formula products to parents and caregivers of children up to 12 months. This previously applied to marketing on such products for children up to 6 months. The change aligns with the recent guidelines from the World Health Assembly and the Ministry of Health's nutrition guidelines for infants. The Infant Nutrition Council applied to the Commerce Commission to extend the restriction.



Two new *free* online courses

Introduction to Immunisation course



This free 2-hour online course has been developed to support well child providers and others (non-vaccinators) who interact with whānau and families to understand the essential facts about immunisation. The course can be completed at your own pace. On completion of the course a certificate provides evidence of professional development hours. To register, please go to [Conectus Learning](#) and follow the prompts to start the course. For education and training enquiries, please email imacetadmin@auckland.ac.nz or call 0800 882 873.

National SUDI prevention training

[Hāpai Te Hauora](#) recently launched their free [National SUDI Prevention Online Training](#). The course includes seven training modules and takes approximately 45-60 minutes to complete. Click the link to register and complete the course.

The training covers the following topics:

- An introduction to SUDI prevention
- Connecting and engagement with whānau
- Consistent health messaging
- Accumulation of risk factors for SUDI



Children in Auckland being vaccinated for measles at 12 months



The first measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination has been brought forward to 12 months from 15 months in Auckland because of the region's measles outbreak. Auckland Regional Public Health Service and Ministry of Health are recommending all 1-year-old children in the region receive their first MMR early to protect them from measles.

See the [IMAC website](#) for [more MMR vaccination advice for children of all ages](#).

Well Child Tamariki Ora Symposia

We continue to run our series of regional WCTO symposia for those involved in the delivery of WCTO services. Content focuses on updating us on topics relating to the WCTO programme. Evaluation feedback from attendees has been very positive. We welcome any further feedback as to how to continue to deliver these symposia most effectively. [Click here to access slides content from previous symposia](#).

Upcoming WCTO Symposiums

[Click here to see more when registrations open](#)



Save the dates

- 24 October 2019, Dunedin
- 14 November 2019, Waikato

These symposiums are a great networking and learning opportunity. Come and connect with others involved in the Well Child Tamariki Ora programme.

Upcoming events

- Breath Better September: 1 - 30 September
- Gambling Harm Awareness Week: 2 - 8 September
- [Immunisation Advisory Centre Workshop and Conference](#): 5-7 September
- Mental Health Awareness week: 23 - 29 September
- Labour Day: 28 October
- National Oral Health Day: 1 November

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