

## Meningitis vaccine funding

Menactra is a meningococcal conjugate vaccine to protect against meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y. One dose is fully funded for adolescents and young adults aged 13–25 years inclusively who are entering within the next 3 months, or in their first year of living in a boarding school hostel, tertiary education halls of residence, military barrack, or prison. Please call and discuss your eligibility with our practice nurses.

## Manage My Health (MMH)

The **e-Consult** service is available for emailing your doctor.

**Please do not** use the update contact details to email the practice as this is a no reply email. If you are in doubt about using the service please call the practice.

A reminder for new patients you must call the practice to book your first appointment, as this is a longer visit which includes a nurse appointment.

If you require an extended appointment or other services e.g. a driver's license medical, please call Reception on **801 5228**

## Slip, Slop, Slap, Scan and Sanitise



Wherever you go this summer, remember to **slip, slop, slap, scan and sanitise!** We all need to do our bit to make summer unstopable.

## Telephone Consultations

Telephone consultations are also our new normal. Please let reception know if you would prefer a telephone consultation. Normal consultation fees apply for telephone consultations. If circumstances change and you are unable to make it into the practice we are happy to change your face to face appointment into a Telephone consultation. The doctor will endeavour to ring you on time but they may run late from time to time.

## Staff News

Receptionist Sue left us at the end of last year but you will still see her from time to time as she will work for us on a casual basis. January has seen us welcome two new receptionists, Sarah who is working part time and Michelle, full time.

## Repeat Prescriptions

All prescriptions are now sent electronically directly to your pharmacy.

**You must specify your Pharmacy of choice when ordering your script.**

Repeat prescriptions must be requested using your Manage My Health App, please **allow 48 hours** for your script to be available.

For **ALL Urgent** scripts please call the practice on 04 801 5228.

Please remember to order your prescriptions before you run out as your request takes time to process. Courtenay Medical's policy requires all patients to have a medication review annually with their GP.

## Online Banking & ATM deposits

Please include your name and chart number as the reference so we can allocate your payment.

**Reception Email:** Please do not email reception with clinical matters or to book appointments. Clinical matters need to be directed to your doctor via MMH. Our reception email is only for non-urgent administrative tasks.



## Reminder

Payment for consultations is required on the day unless you have made prior arrangement with reception.

## Covid-19

Please read our health questions before entering. Please note these questions will change if Wellington or the rest of NZ move into a different alert level.

We ask everyone to continue to practice good hygiene by sanitising your hands on arrival and informing reception immediately if you have **any respiratory symptoms**. Please wear a mask if you are symptomatic. You may be asked to wait to be seen in our isolation room.

We are a Covid swabbing practice. If you are registered with our practice you can phone us directly to arrange a swab. If you are not a registered patient, please phone Healthline on 0800 358 3453 to arrange this. Appointments must be booked during our opening hours via telephone triage and for out of hours assistance please call Healthline 0800, who will identify your nearest open community swabbing centre.

## Covid-19 vaccination

The New Zealand Government has Advanced Purchasing Agreements (APA) with Pfizer/BioNTech, Janssen, AstraZeneca/Oxford and Novavax. This means there is an arrangement to buy a preplanned number of doses of vaccines from these companies if their vaccines are proven to be safe and effective. Also, as part of a global collaboration called COVAX, which is working to make sure COVID-19 vaccine is fairly distributed, New Zealand will have access to additional vaccines.

The exact date when vaccines will be available in New Zealand is not yet known. This is because it depends when final results from ongoing clinical trials are available. When available, Medsafe, the Government agency that licenses medicines, will review the clinical trial data. To obtain approval for use in New Zealand, each vaccine needs to meet strictly defined safety and efficacy criteria.

The New Zealand Vaccine Strategy includes a priority schedule for COVID-19 vaccines. This aims to make sure those who are at highest risk of exposure are vaccinated first, followed by those at highest risk of severe disease. The Ministry of Health has recently released the planned order of the roll out of COVID-19 vaccines. For more information see the Ministry of Health website, COVID-19: Vaccine planning.

Information taken from <https://www.immune.org.nz/covid-19-vaccines>

### When we are closed...

You can seek medical attention at:  
Wellington Accident & Urgent Medical Centre, 17 Adelaide Rd, Newtown, Wellington (04) 384-4944

Open every day 8am-9pm



Or between the hours of 11pm—8am  
Wellington Hospital Emergency Department, Riddiford St, Newtown, Wellington.



Or Phone Healthline on 0800 611 116



### Contact Details

Have you changed any of your contact details? Please tell Reception, so we can update your records, by phone 04 801 5228 or email us at [reception@cmed.co.nz](mailto:reception@cmed.co.nz)

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