

Update

2 February 2017

Both Specialist Clinics in Pukekohe are fully operational. We have seen over 300 children in the first full 12 hours of operation in both the Clinics and those reported from GPs. Good progress is also being made today and is expected to continue over the next few days as the Specialist Clinics operate from 8am until 8pm daily.

Clinics are offering a blood test for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV infection. Children are also being offered Hepatitis B immunisation.

The Laboratory has processed a large proportion of the tests and these results have now started to be reported to parents and caregivers. Counties Manukau Health does not intend to report individual results publically to protect the privacy of the individuals. We will, however, provide a public notification if an individual result poses wider public health concerns. Parents should continue to expect results within a 48 hour period.

Public Health Nurses are also making contact with parents to schedule appointments, and have returned all calls received on the first night and now prioritising those who are known not to have completed the full immunisation schedule. There are a handful of cases where our nurses have not had their calls returned. We encourage all parents and caregivers to please call Healthline on 0800 611 166 if they have received a call from us which they were unable to answer at the time. This is a toll free number.

We are encouraging people to attend our Specialist Clinics. General practitioners are reporting a number of people who are coming to them for tests and advice. We have provided GPs with supporting information.

If you have any remaining concerns, please visit the clinics that have been established, contact Healthline on 0800 611 116, or seek advice from your GP.

Further information for media:

Please contact the Counties Manukau Health media line on (09) 250 9857 or the Waitemata District Health Board media line on (09) 487 1276.