

Protecting hapū māmā and pēpi from vaccine-preventable diseases

Information Sheet - Health Care Professionals

Kia ora

Vaccination against whooping cough and flu in pregnancy is safe and protects against serious illness in pregnant women and their babies in the first few months of their life. However, for some communities, including Māori and Pacific communities, work is needed to improve the number of women being vaccinated in pregnancy.

Our study aims to develop tools and resources to increase vaccination of Māori and Pacific women in pregnancy.

We are looking for key stakeholders in maternal care who are:

- current practicing GPs, practice nurses, midwives, pharmacists, immunisation coordinators, kaiāwhina, or employees at Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards and at Māori or Pacific Health Providers
- able to speak and understand English.

If you are one of these people, we would like to talk with you to get your opinions on proposed tools and resources, and your suggestions to increase the number of women being vaccinated in pregnancy. It is expected that these interviews will last approximately one hour. As a thank you for participating, you will be given a \$50 supermarket voucher.

If you have any questions now or in the future, please feel free to contact either:

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If you are interested in participating, a full participant information sheet will be provided to you.

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