

IMAC SYMPOSIUM

WINTER PREPAREDNESS | 2026



**Vaccination for influenza,
COVID-19 and other
respiratory viruses**

3 March 2026

0815	Registrations open
0900	Mihi whakatau and IMAC welcome Mamaeroa David, IMAC Senior Māori Advisor and Loretta Roberts , IMAC National Director
0910	Session 1: The bigger picture Chair: Nikki Turner
	<i>International influenza: Global surveillance and overseas trends</i> Patrick Reading, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza
	<i>COVID-19 and RSV vaccines: An international overview</i> Peter McIntyre, Professor, University of Otago
	<i>Q+A session</i>
1030	Morning tea
1050	Session 2: Winter preparedness – NZ influenza and COVID-19 immunisation programmes Chair: Loretta Roberts
	<i>The NZ winter programme for influenza and COVID-19</i> Christine McIntosh and Janet Hayward, Health New Zealand
	<i>2025 flu season: NZ influenza surveillance</i> Sue Huang, Director, WHO National Influenza Centre
	<i>Seasonal influenza vaccines - conventional, enhanced, needle-free, and future options</i> Joan Ingram, Medical Advisor, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	<i>Q+A session</i>

1235	Lunch
1315	Session 3: Learnings from research and evaluation Chair: Samantha Marsh
	<i>RRR research programme – risk and resilience factors associated with severe influenza outcomes</i> Nikki Turner , Principal Medical Advisor, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	<i>Seasonal influenza vaccine and prevention of cardiovascular disease</i> Philip Shirley , Public Health Registrar, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	<i>Shivers VI and WellKiwis Study</i> Sue Huang , Director, WHO National Influenza Centre
	<i>Q+A session</i>
1425	Refreshment break
1445	Session 4: Service delivery Chair: Ellaine Ete-Rasch
	<i>Key learnings for running a successful occupational health vaccination programme</i> Monique Vosslamber and Phoebe Bates , Southern Cross Healthcare
	<i>High-risk paediatric immunisation programme</i> Rowena Hay , Waikato Hospital
	<i>Winter preparedness - a whānau/kaimahi approach</i> Turuki Health Care
	<i>Question and answer session</i>
1530	Open forum: Audience reflections and last questions
1555	Closing of Symposium: Mamaeroa David and Loretta Roberts, Immunisation Advisory Centre
1600	Ka kite koe i muri mai – Farewell and see you next time