

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
	International influenza: Global surveillance and overseas trends Patrick Reading , Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza
	COVID-19 and RSV vaccines: An international overview Peter McIntyre , Professor, University of Otago
	Q+A session
1030	Morning tea
1050	Session 2: Winter preparedness – NZ influenza and COVID-19 immunisation programmes Chair: Loretta Roberts
	The NZ winter programme for influenza and COVID-19 Christine McIntosh and Janet Hayward , Health New Zealand
	2025 flu season: NZ influenza surveillance Sue Huang , Director, WHO National Influenza Centre
	Seasonal influenza vaccines - conventional, enhanced, needle-free, and future options Joan Ingram , Medical Advisor, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	Q+A session

1235	Lunch
1315	Session 3: Learnings from research and evaluation Chair: Samantha Marsh
	RRR research programme – risk and resilience factors associated with severe influenza outcomes Nikki Turner , Principal Medical Advisor, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	Seasonal influenza vaccine and prevention of cardiovascular disease Philip Shirley , Public Health Registrar, Immunisation Advisory Centre
	Shivers VI and WellKiwis Study Sue Huang , Director, WHO National Influenza Centre
	Q+A session
1425	Refreshment break
1445	Session 4: Service delivery Chair: Ellaine Ete-Rasch
	Key learnings for running a successful occupational health vaccination programme Monique Vosslamber and Phoebe Bates , Southern Cross Healthcare
	High-risk paediatric immunisation programme Rowena Hay , Waikato Hospital
	Winter preparedness - a whānau/kaimahi approach Turuki Health Care
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
Certificate of attendance: A link to download this will be shared with attendees after the Symposium	

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