



Otago
District Health Board
Poari Hauora-ā-rohe ki Ōtāgo



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Influenza A (H1N1)

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The eight people in quarantine in Otago and Southland for Influenza A (H1N1) have now been released and are free to resume normal activities. Public Health South staff sincerely thank them for their co-operation, as quarantine is an essential tool for reducing the spread of potential illness in the community.

One additional person has been placed in home isolation after displaying flu like symptoms on return from North America and two close contacts are in quarantine.

"All three are being treated with the anti-viral medication Tamiflu," said Otago and Southland Medical Officer of Health Dr Marion Poore.

We encourage everyone to review and update their pandemic response plan and keep informed about H1N1. Information is available on the international web sites

www.who.int/en/
www.cdc.gov/
www.moh.govt.nz

We remind everyone with concerns about H1N1 to either phone the national toll free phone line on 0800 FLULINE (0800 3585 463) or their medical centre. They should not just show up at hospitals or medical centres.

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For more information please contact SDHB Communications Officer Jo Harvey on 027 674 1758.