

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

**Contact the Principal Investigators:** Assoc Prof Katie Groom, Dr Lynn Sadler, Assoc Prof Nicola Austin and Dr Kasey Tawhara at [covid19@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:covid19@auckland.ac.nz) or the Registry webpage [www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19](http://www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19)

### The COVID-19 in Pregnancy New Zealand Registry:

- Established to collect clinical details of women in NZ with COVID-19 infection
- Diagnosed at any time in pregnancy or within 6 weeks postpartum
- Symptomatic or asymptomatic
- Reporting can be at the time of infection or retrospectively
- This registry will help to future proof maternity in New Zealand against epidemics by providing a sustainable platform ready to be activated for future infection outbreaks.

### Reporting by:

- Primary care (general practice, midwifery or obstetrics), hospital clinicians, or self-reporting
- Notification forms available via email [covid19@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:covid19@auckland.ac.nz)
- Further information available at [www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19](http://www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19)
- Notification of a case requires only contact and baseline information
- Registry staff will follow-up with LMCs or DHB nominated contacts to complete standard maternity and health data collection.

### Maternal consent:

- Specific consent is not required, but we ask that you advise women about the Registry and provide a Participant Information Sheet ([www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19](http://www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz/covid19)) which includes contact details for queries and opt-out request of they wish to do so.

### Information storage and use:

- Stored securely by The University of Auckland.
- Data will be de-identified once data collection is completed for each woman.
- Data from the Registry may be combined with international work (e.g. Australia), particularly if the numbers of affected New Zealand women remain low.
- Access to the data in the Registry is limited to researchers who demonstrate their scientific need and ability to protect the rights of the women and babies in the Registry. Any research request requires agreement by the Registry management as well as the research ethics committee of their site.
- Reports from this Registry will be shared on our webpage, with the Ministry of Health, with profession colleges, with Te Rōpū Whakakaupapa Urutā (the National Māori Pandemic Group) and Tumu Whakarāe (the National DHB Māori General Managers Group) for dissemination to DHB Māori Directorates.

### Who do I contact for more information or if I have concerns?

If you have any questions about the Registry, please contact the investigators via email at [covid19@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:covid19@auckland.ac.nz). Registry research midwifery support for reporting is available at 021 0831 4824.

If you or your clients require Māori cultural support regarding this Registry, please be in touch with our Māori researchers at [covid19@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:covid19@auckland.ac.nz).

If you or your clients have any queries or concerns regarding individual rights as a participant in this Registry, you may wish to contact an independent health and disability advocate: Freephone: 0800 555 050, Freefax: 0800 2 SUPPORT (0800 2787 7678), Email: [advocacy@advocacy.org.nz](mailto:advocacy@advocacy.org.nz)

You can also contact the health and disability ethics committee (HDEC) that approved this study on:

Phone: 0800 4 ETHICS

Email: [hdecs@health.govt.nz](mailto:hdecs@health.govt.nz)

**Approval.** This Registry has been reviewed and received ethical approval from the Health and Disability Ethics Committee, reference (20/NTB/81).