


The NCIRS was established by the National Centre for Disease Control, Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services. The Centre analyses, interprets, and evaluates national surveillance data on immunisation coverage and vaccine preventable diseases. NCIRS also identifies research priorities, and initiates and coordinates research on immunisation issues and the epidemiology of vaccine preventable diseases in Australia.

Measles Control Campaign Update

During the three month period of the Campaign, the uptake of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine given at primary school clinics and the number of adverse events following MMR vaccination are being monitored. Data are forwarded to the National Centre for Disease Control for collation and publication in *CDI*.

**Measles Control Campaign activity data, cumulative to 25 September 1998**

- **Sum total students**: 661,194
- **Total forms returned**: 612,989
- **Consents to vaccinate**: 519,068
- **Total students immunised**: 487,174

Percentages are:

- Of total students: 93% returned their forms
- Of total forms returned: 85% consented to vaccination
- Of total consents to vaccination: 94% have been vaccinated
- Of total students: 74% have been vaccinated.

**Adverse events**
- Faints/syncopy: 14
- Syncopal fits: 10
- Hyperventilation: 3
- Anaphylaxis: 3
- Rash: 2
- Local allergic reaction: 1
- Local reaction: 1
- Arthropathy: 1
- Fever: 1
- Myalgia: 1
- Lymphadenopathy/ headache/stiff neck/rash: 1

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