

Issue: 1.6 Communicable Disease

Objective(s):

- To decrease the levels of communicable diseases in the community

Strategy	Lead Agency and Key Partners	Timeframe	Performance Indicators/ Desired Outcomes
<p>1.6.1</p>	<p>Maintain surveillance systems to monitor ‘Notifiable Conditions’ and interventions focusing on the follow up of notifications, investigations, control of outbreaks, immunisation, strategic interventions and the development of partnerships to maximise the coverage of preventative strategies and the impact of interventions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical Public Health Unit Communicable Disease Control • Townsville City Council Environmental Health • HESROC NQ 	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective control of notifiable conditions
<p>1.6.2</p>	<p>Form a working group to review annually the incidence of communicable diseases and make recommendations to reduce the impacts of communicable diseases including the vaccine preventable diseases.</p> <p>Intervention areas include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distribution of information program to all new parents and children commencing pre-school/primary school • endorsed immunisation nurses provide the Immunisation Program Services School program as per NHMRC guidelines and 0-4 years immunisation program at Community Health Centres • monitor notification of vaccine preventable diseases in collaboration with Tropical Public Health Unit • tracking using Immunisation Registers • Doll and Ted Health Clinic health promotion programs • adult immunisation programs for risk groups • Aboriginal Islander Health Program immunisation program • programs in partnership with AuAC and SQWISI units to reduce the incidence of communicable diseases with community target group • health education and promotion activities for at risk group • needle and syringe exchange program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THSD Institute of Community Health and Ambulatory Care • Child health services • Aboriginal Islander Health Program • ATODS • Sexual Health Services • Mobile women’s health nurses • School based health nurses • Townsville Division of General Practice • James Cook University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine <p><u>Stakeholders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • P&C – P&F groups • General Practitioners • Education Queensland • Department of Families Centres 	<p>Short - Long</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced incidence of communicable diseases • Immunisation for 100% of children • At risk groups receive appropriate intervention





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1.6.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe sex programs • promotion of Hepatitis B programs to young members of the community between 12-25 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Child Care • Upper Ross Community Centre • TAIHS 		
1.6.3 <p>Develop a locally coordinated approach to Dengue Fever Management with links to the Dengue Fever Management Plan for North Queensland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville City Council Environmental Health • Tropical Public Health Unit Environmental Health • James Cook University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine • HESROC NQ 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A collaborative review of existing management plans and protocols completed
1.6.4 <p>Maintain local initiatives targeting the prevention of food borne illness including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surveillance and monitoring of food premise hygiene • raising awareness of food safety planning • collaborative investigation of food borne disease cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville City Council Environmental Health • Tropical Public Health Unit Environmental Health 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local food safety initiatives maintained
1.6.5 <p>‘Food Safety in the home’ issues to be incorporated into the Townsville City Council’s Environmental Health, Health Promotion Program including education programs for special interest groups in the area of mental health and youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville City Council Environmental Health 	Short - Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local ‘food safety in the home’ education programs conducted