

complication of infection with group A streptococcus which usually presents as a sore throat. Symptoms are commonly polyarthrits (pain and swelling in several joints) and fever; also carditis, heart murmur and chorea (jerky limb movements arising from inflammation of the brain). Episodes of ARF can cause permanent damage to the heart valves leading to rheumatic heart disease. See the [Hunter New England](#) and [Central Coast](#) HealthPathways for management information.

Immunisation

The latest immunisation information can be obtained from the HNE's [To the Point Newsletter](#) and [NSW Health Immunisation](#) website.

Communicable disease notifications:

Table 1. Summary of selected notifiable conditions (YTD* by year), 2014 – 13 June 2018

Condition	Hunter New England# (YTD* by year)					Central Coast# (YTD* by year)				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Cryptosporidiosis	47	104	58	77	33	20	30	54	19	8
Gonorrhoea	249	183	175	133	122	117	80	50	54	36
Syphilis	34	30	24	23	18	4	15	17	21	22
Chlamydial Infection	1460	1301	1394	1232	1309	471	468	474	415	505
Influenza	250	335	196	140	95	105	85	78	40	30
Meningococcal Disease	2	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	2	2
Pertussis	279	348	623	368	98	35	45	266	96	7
Ross River Virus	79	274	67	261	97	7	50	8	59	10
Salmonellosis	210	224	220	223	279	87	162	93	87	106

*YTD, Year to date for each year (reporting delays may result in changes to 2018 figures)

Hunter New England population: 920,000 #Central Coast population: 350,000

Population Health contact details (note, 1300 066 055 will find your local PHU)

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