

UNDERSTANDING IMMUNISATION INEQUITIES FOR TAMARIKI MAORI

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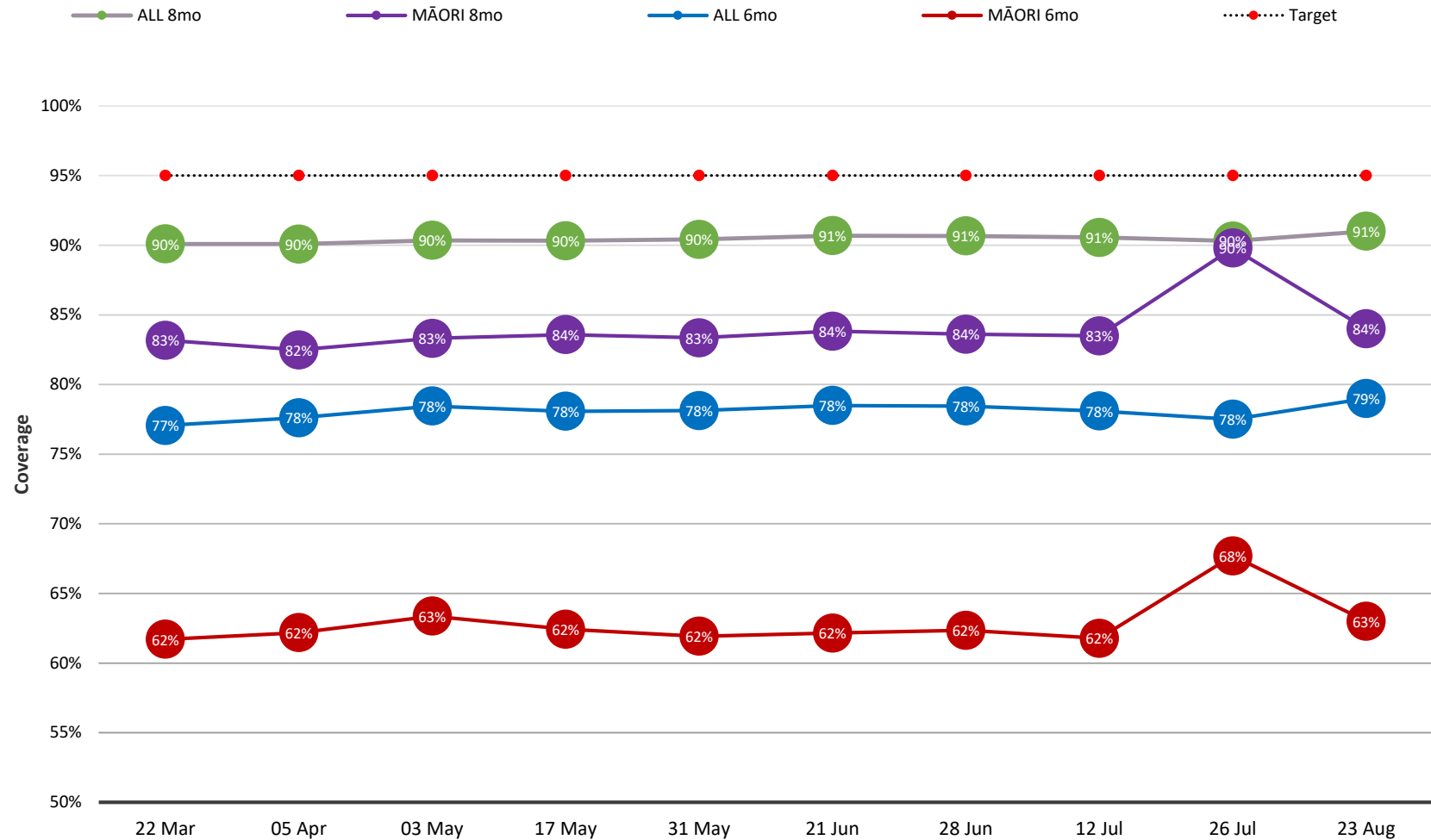
Lessons from the health target experience

- Clear accountability for improving immunisation coverage across each level of the health system
- Local immunisation networks to develop solutions to local challenges
- Addressing barriers to access improved coverage for all children – biggest impact on tamariki Māori

Challenges with maintaining high levels of immunisation coverage

- Target fatigue

Immunisation coverage for tamariki Māori



Māori whānau are living complex lives

- Increasing income inequity in Aotearoa New Zealand
 - Increased stress for working parents who may need multiple jobs to support their whānau
- Uncertainty around housing
 - Impossible cost of buying a home for many Māori whānau
 - Increasing rents and limited housing availability
 - Unhealthy homes and overcrowding
- Consequences of income and housing inequities
 - Māori parents are living with high levels of stress
 - Increased mobility within and between DHBs

Barriers to access

We need to address barriers to accessing primary health care

- Getting appointments
- Transport to providers (for both rural and urban whānau)
- Culturally inappropriate services

We need to provide alternative access to immunisation services

- Develop innovative solutions that work for Māori whānau
- Improve the social determinants of health for Māori whānau

What do we know works for Māori?

- Māori workforce
- Culturally competent health professionals
- Health services that reflect the values of Māori whānau
- Prioritise te reo Māori and tikanga Māori
- Alternative access to immunisation services

Summary

- Tamariki Māori live within the collective of their whānau
- Māori whānau are dealing with increasing stress from complex lives
- We know if we address barriers to accessing health services we will improve immunisation coverage for tamariki Māori – we have done this before
- Innovative solutions to improve timeliness and coverage for tamariki Māori will come from Māori communities

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