

Rheumatic Fever Prevention: Pharmacist Rapid Response Sore Throat Swabbing and Treatment Service now available through selected Pharmacies in the BOP area

The Bay of Plenty Pharmacy Group is pleased to announce that 34 Pharmacies across the BOPDHB area are now providing Rapid Response Sore throat swabbing and treatment services for the management of Group A Streptococcal Pharyngitis. This service is part of the BOPDHB's plan to reduce the incidence of Rheumatic Fever by two thirds in our area by increasing access to free, rapid, effective sore throat management through a combination of rapid response, general practice and school-based services. Community Pharmacies across the region from Waihi Beach, Kati Kati, Omokoroa, Tauranga, Te Puke, Kawerau, Edgecumbe and Opotiki including several extended hours pharmacies will greatly improve access to these services.

Pharmacies will provide eligible patients with fully subsidised (free to the patient) , no appointment necessary throat swabbing and antibiotic treatment in accordance with the National Heart Foundation Guidelines for sore throat management (2014) under a Standing order. Pharmacies will identify patients or accept referral of children and young people aged 4 to 19 years that are symptomatic with a sore throat and eligible household contacts aged 3 to 35 years (as per the National Heart Foundation of NZ guidelines).

Pharmacies will work closely with other health professionals involved in these patients care and provide patients and their whanau with education about the importance of early treatment of sore throats and the link with prevention of Rheumatic fever.

Pharmacies providing Rapid Response Rheumatic Fever Prevention Throat swabbing and treatment service:

Pharmacy	Address	Phone
Bay Health Pharmacy	Tauranga Hospital	07 571 6164
Life Pharmacy Te Puke	61 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke	07 573 0390
Unichem Brookfield Pharmacy	85 Bellevue Rd, Brookfield, Tauranga	07 576 5132
Central Parade & Dee	536 Maunganui Road, Mount Maunganui	07 575 4369
Unichem Chadwick Pharmacy	120 Chadwick Road, Greeton, Tauranga	07 578 5409
Unichem Cherrywood Pharmacy	52-54 Cherrywood Dr, Cherrywood, Tauranga	07 576 9404
Unichem Greerton Pharmacy	221 Chadwick Rd, Greeton, Tauranga	07 578 4901
Gate Pa Village Pharmacy	17a Courtney Rd, Gate Pa, Tauranga	07 577 0064
John's Photopharmacy	292 Cameron Rd, Tauranga	07 578 3566
Life Pharmacy Bayfair	Bayfair Shopping Centre, Arataki, Mount Maunganui	07 5753830
My Pharmacy Palm Beach Plaza	Palm Beach Plaza Shopping Centre, Papamoa	07 572 0355
My Pharmacy Te Puke	96 Jellicoe St, Te Puke	07 573 9868
The Crossing Pharmacy	2 Taurikura Dr, Tauranga	07 578 7565
Pharmacy Health	19 Second Ave, Tauranga	07 578 6678
Life Tauranga	53 Devonport Road, Tauranga	07 578 3177
Unichem Mount Dispensary	42 Girven Road, Mount Maunganui	07 574 8645
Waihi Beach Chemist	15 Wilson Road, Waihi Beach	07 863 5401
Waugh's Pharmacy	252 Welcome Bay Rd, Welcome Bay	07 544 2418
Adamsons Pharmacy	52 King St, Whakatane	07 308 7611
Edgecumbe Pharmacy	Riverslea Mall, 26 College Road, Edgecumbe	07 304 9734
Kerry Knott Pharmacy	116 Church St, Opotiki	07 315 6240
Kope Pharmacy	78 King St, Whakatane	07 308 5345
Ohope Beach Pharmacy	262 Pohutukawa Ave , Ohope	07 312 4250
Opotiki Pharmacy	110 Church St, Opotiki	07 315 6251
Tarawera Pharmacy	106 Onslow St, Kawerau	07 323 9309
Total health Pharmacy	252 The Strand , Whakatane	07 308 9009
Life Pharmacy Whakatane	183 The Strand, Whakatane	07 308 6988
Kawerau Pharmacy	Islington st, Kawerau	07 323 8989
Bongards Pharmacy	1303 Cameron Road, Tauranga	07 5782008
Maungatapu Pharmacy	6/291 Maungatapu Road, Maungatapu	07 544 0771
Unichem Katikati Pharmacy	26 Main Rd, Kati kati	07 5490611
Omokoroa Pharmacy	170 Omokoroa Rd, Omokoroa	07 548 0585
Unichem Faulkners Pharmacy	398 Cameron Rd, Tauranga	07 578 5205
My Pharmacy Central Med	443 Devonport Road, Tauranga	07 9288004