

## Information from Vicki Krause

We are currently experiencing multiple cases of acute post streptococcal glomerulonephritis (APSGN) in the NT..APSGN is a notifiable condition in the NT –and so if you see cases, please inform CDC by phone ( 89228044 in Darwin—or your local CDC see below). A public health response for individual cases is indicated.

I am attaching an “**Alert**” that could be put up in clinics or used as a reminder as the NT now meets the criteria of **NT APSGN cases prompting a public health alert as outlined below.**

We also have 2 communities that fit outbreak definitions and have had community-wide screenings undertaken (all 1 to 16 year olds are screened and treated with LA Bicillin if found to have skin sores and treated for scabies if indicated). This is in addition to screening and treating household members of the individual APSGN cases.

FYI

### **APSGN cases requiring broader public health action**

#### **1. NT case numbers prompting a public health alert-**

When 4 APSGN cases, probable or confirmed, notified from anywhere in NT within a 2 week period historical data indicates CDC should issue a Territory-wide alert to all medical officers and communities to raise awareness for diagnosing and reporting cases.

***Educational messages for communities should be circulated.***

#### **2. Community outbreaks-**

##### ***Definition***

2 cases, either probable or confirmed, living in the same community and;

- onset within a week of each other
- at least one case has a low C3
- the cases are not contacts of each other

OR

1 confirmed case and 2 probable cases living in the same community and;

- onset within 1 month of each other
- none are contacts of each other.

Thank you for your awareness and attention to this condition.