



TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

NGATI POROU - TE AITANGA A MAHAKI - RONGOWHAKAATA - NGAI TAMANUHIRI

PANUI

1 HEPETEMA 2021

*“Kua kore no he ture hei arataki
Te mana, te ihi, Ka takahia ra
Kia kaha tatau ki te whakahoki mai
Te mauriora me te waiura,
Aue nga iwi e”*

Tena tatou,

There are 75 new cases of Covid-19 in the community, bringing the total number up to 724 current cases in Aotearoa. Everywhere south of Auckland is in [alert level 3](#). This milestone was celebrated by hundreds of whanau who headed to their favourite local fast food outlet. It is disappointing that the ques that formed outside McDonalds and KFC, were not recreated at our Drive-through vaccine clinics. Talking about Drive-through's our very own Drive-through was stood up today at the Harry Barker Reserve, thanks to the leadership of Turanga Health and the generosity of local Trusts and benefactors.

While we, along with the rest of the country move to AL3 at 11.59pm tonight Auckland [will remain in a strict level 4 lockdown](#) for another two weeks, while Northlanders are hoping that they can join the rest of the country [at level 3](#) at midnight on Thursday, after further tests .

Maori and Pasifika people are more susceptible to the serious health outcomes associated with the virus. This is due to the prevalence of similar underlying health conditions, community living situations, and higher levels of poverty. The way we act and behave as a community is also comparable. We are only lucky that the virus has yet to turn up at our marae, at sporting and kapa haka events, or at a tangi. If this happens our community needs to be ready.

As of today, anyone over the age of 12 can book their vaccination now at [Book My Vaccine](#). The lockdown measures are reducing the spread for now, but they won't always be in place, and our best defence to protect our whanau and our hapori is vaccination. If you are unsure there is trusted information at [karawhuia.nz](#) or you can speak to local iwi health provider or GP about any of your concerns.

In this edition of our Panui, we have provided data on vaccination rates recorded by our local Iwi Health Providers and a breakdown of vaccination rates for Maori across DHB's nationwide. While some of the data is two weeks old, it provides a useful analysis of the uptake of the vaccine across our hapu and communities.

Quote for the day,

“ The only difference between Alert Level 4 and Alert Level 3 is you get takeaways with AL3”

New cases reported during the past 24 hours		77*
Active cases	At the border	42
	In the community	682
	Under investigation/other	0
	Total	724
Most recent case reported		01 September 2021
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)		01 September 2021

*One duplicate case was removed in the last 24 hours, so the total number of cases has increased by 76.

All case outcomes since first New Zealand case		
COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total
Active	73	724
Recovered	3	2895
Deceased	0	26

Source of active cases		
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present
People who travelled internationally and were diagnosed in managed facilities at the border	0	42
People in close contact with someone who caught COVID-19 while overseas	0	0
Caught COVID-19 from someone locally	39	414
Caught COVID-19 within NZ, but source is unknown	0	1
Under investigation	34	267

Iwi Update.

The Horouta Whanau Ora Collective continues to work with the North Island Hauora Collective to secure financial support for whanau and Kuru Pounamu struggling to deal with reduced incomes coming into their households, restricted food supplies and the rising tensions of whanau required to live in confined living conditions. If you need HELP, reach out to Horouta Whanau Ora.



Iwi Health Provider Vaccination Rates

Turanga Health and Ngati Porou Hauora have adopted an agile approach to vaccination, based on three principles, accessibility, flexibility, and hospitality. Clinics have been established across a number of rural communities to enable greater access for rurally based whanau, hours have been organised to cater for workers to attend clinics after 5,00pm and all people who are eligible to be vaccinated irrespective of age, have been attended to.

Service with a smile, familiar faces and a cup of tea or bowl of soup went along way to making peoples vaccination experience as painless and seamless as possible.

Turanga Health

Turanga Health Covid Vaccination Numbers for Rural Clinics 16-30 August 2021 by community, age, and ethnicity							
Venue	Date	Total Numbers	Under 20	21-40	41-60	Over 61	Ethnicity Split
Matawai Community Hall	24/08/2021	143	25	37	48	33	Maori: 26% (37) European: 72% (103) Other: 2% (3)
Te Karaka	27/08/2021 & 28/08/2021	342	61	87	110	84	Maori: 53% (180) European: 44% (149) Other: 3% (13)
Whatatutu	29/08/2021	112	21	32	35	24	Maori: 67% (74) European: 33% (38) Other: 0
Waihirere	31/08/2021	94					
Harry Barker Reserve Drive Through 1 Sept	01/09/2021						

Turanga Health Vaccination Clinics in Urban Centres

Venue	Date	Numbers
Cobham School Whanau Clinic, 264 A Lytton Road, Gisborne	16/08/2021	16
	17/08/2021	43
TWOA Whanau Clinic, 630 Childers Road, Gisborne	16/08/2021	21
	17/08/2021	16
Gisborne Harriers Club- Essential Workers Clinic, 91 Innes Street, Gisborne	20/08/2021	264
	21/08/2021	285
	22/08/2021	273
	23/08/2021	240
	24/08/2021	214
	25/08/2021	234
	26/08/2021	167
27/08/2021	198	

Ngati Porou Hauora

Ngati Porou Hauora Covid-19 Vaccination Coverage on the Coast

Based on data collected by NPH PHO administrative staff during the community vaccinations sessions from **June 2021 through to 22 August 2021**.

Summary

- Total number of people 16 years and above who are fully vaccinated = 1,566
- Of these, 1288 are enrolled with NPH PHO, including 1239 people on the Coast with coverages as follows:
 - Overall, 36% of coastal people 16 years and above are fully vaccinated
 - which included 65% of people 65 years and above, 31% of people 21-64 years old and 12% youth from 16-20 years old.
 - 39% (673 people) of female and 33% (566 people) male; and
 - 36% (1044 people) Māori and 39% (195 people) non-Māori.
- The details of the number fully vaccinated and their coverage percentages by NPH PHO practices break down by age groups, gender and ethnicity are listed in the tables as follows:

Total number vaccinated

Number fully vaccinated enrolled with NPH PHO practices	16-20 years	21-64 years	65+ years	Eligible 16+ yrs.
Matakaoa Community Health Centre	17	154	85	256
Ruatoria Community Health Centre	9	261	167	437
Tawhiti Health Centre	4	16	41	61
Tokomaru Bay Health Centre	4	98	74	176
Uawa Community Health Centre	6	187	108	301
Puhi Kaiti Medical Centre ¹	1	32	16	49
NPHPHO - unknown clinic		7	1	8
Not enrolled with NPH	10	180	88	278
Total number of people fully vaccinated	51	935	580	1566

Covid vaccination coverage by NPH PHO Practices and roll-out age groups

Coverage as of 22 August 2021 by clinic of enrolment	16-20 years	21-64 years	65+ years	Eligible 16+ yrs.
Matakaoa Community Health Centre	23%	32%	61%	37%
Ruatoria Community Health Centre	8%	29%	67%	34%
Tawhiti Health Centre	18%	10%	59%	24%
Tokomaru Bay Health Centre	12%	36%	73%	43%
Uawa Community Health Centre	7%	35%	61%	38%
Total NPH PHO on the Coast	12%	31%	65%	36%

Covid vaccination coverage by NPH PHO Practices and gender for people enrolled with NPH aged 16 years and over

NPH PHO Practices	Female	Male	Total	Coverage as of 22 August 2021		
				Female	Male	Total
Matakaoa Community Health Centre	147	109	256	41%	32%	37%
Ruatoria Community Health Centre	237	200	437	37%	31%	34%
Tawhiti Health Centre	33	28	61	26%	21%	24%
Tokomaru Bay Health Centre	90	86	176	42%	43%	43%
Uawa Community Health Centre	163	138	301	41%	35%	38%
Total on the Coast	673	566	1239	39%	33%	36%

These numbers are people enrolled with Puhi Kaiti who have been vaccinated by the NPH staff on the Coast, and this analysis does not include the vaccinations completed in Puhi Kaiti.

Covid vaccination coverage by NPH PHO Practices and ethnic groups

NPH PHO Practices	Number Fully Vaccinated			Coverage as of 22 August 2021		
	Māori	Other	Total	Māori	Other	Total
Matakaoa Community Health Centre	229	27	256	38%	31%	37%
Ruatoria Community Health Centre	388	49	437	33%	46%	34%
Tawhiti Health Centre	51	10	61	23%	24%	24%
Tokomaru Bay Health Centre	144	32	176	44%	39%	43%
Uawa Community Health Centre	225	76	301	37%	42%	38%
Total on the Coast	1044	195	1239	36%	39%	36%

Limitations and caveats

1. These statistics are based on the count of NHI (National Health Index) and data matching between NHI and PHO registers. These numbers are likely to differ from any initial releases of counts due to missing NHIs and data cleansing to remove duplicates in the raw data
2. The 278 people not matched with NPH PHO could include incorrect NHI
3. Some people who have been vaccinated by NPH for their first dose could have gone elsewhere for their second dose, including one who died before the second dose
4. Similarly, some people who have had Dose 1 with NPH in one clinic could have had their Dose 2 in another NPH clinic (e.g., Uawa and Whangara; Ruatoria and Tikitiki; Gisborne and Uawa; Gisborne and Whangara, etc).

Ngati Porou Hauora Covid vaccination rates at Te Tini o Porou 16 Aug – 1 Sept 2021

Venue	Date	Numbers
Te Tini o Porou – August 2021	16/08/2021	94
	17/08/2021	82
	20/08/2021	389
	21/08/2021	270
	22/08/2021	465
	23/08/2021	396
	24/08/2021	328
	25/08/2021	308
	26/08/2021	225
	27/08/2021	240
	30/08/2021	125
	31/08/2021	108
Te Tini o Porou – September 2021	01/09/2021	56
Total		3,030

Te Hauora o Tūranganui a Kiwa Ltd

Turanga Health
Turanga Roll Out



Venue	Dates	Time
Drive -Through Harry Barker Reserve	Weekdays from 1 September	10am-4pm
Waerenga o Kuri - Community Hall	Thursday 2nd September	10am-3pm
Manutuke - Whakato Marae	Friday 3 & Saturday 4 September	10am-3pm
Waituhi - Pakowhai Marae	Tuesday 7 September	10am-3pm
Muriwai - Tamanuhiri Marae	Friday 10 September	10am-3pm

Stay at home if you are Mauiui

Regional Update

There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti

Violence, alcohol abuse and safety of children major concerns for Manaaki Tairāwhiti

Local Social Sector leadership group Manaaki Tairāwhiti met today and were very concerned about several issues affecting the community. In a report shared by the Police and Iwi 'Whāngāia' team, who respond to family harm, latest statistics showed an increase in both the frequency and seriousness of reported family violence. Of particular concern, in many of the cases alcohol was a contributing factor. The report noted that *"alcohol availability is a significant factor under Alert Level 4 and the impact has resulted in an increase in the violence used and its prevalence in homes under lockdown"*.

Tairāwhiti Police Area Commander Sam Aberahama said that Police resources were deployed to cover a range of situations to keep people safe during lockdown, from responding to family harm to reassurance teams and static patrols.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti are concerned that in households where alcohol is being abused and violence is occurring, children have been present. Mayor Rehette Stoltz agreed that the availability of alcohol during this level 4 period, has caused problems. This has been reported back to the government through the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

DHB Chief Executive Jim Green told the group that while Tairāwhiti is doing well in terms of the percentage of the region's population getting vaccinated, there was still work to do. He congratulated DHB staff who have worked hard to complete high numbers of testing and contract tracing and Iwi Health providers Turanga Health and Ngāti Porou Hauora, who have successfully been rolling out vaccine clinics. A new 'drive through' clinic is now operating. He reminded everyone to continue good behaviour, wearing masks and scanning with the Covid Tracer App whenever you leave home. Accident and Emergency at Hauora Tairāwhiti is available 24/7 for anyone experiencing a health crisis and requiring immediate / urgent medical attention.

Ministry of Social Development Acting Regional Commissioner Karen Bartlett updated the group on the work local MSD teams have been doing to support people to obtain wage subsidies and income support, find employment, emergency housing and access to food. She commended the work of Supergrans and Gizzy Kai Rescue who part of the local food distribution network. If anyone needs food, please contact the Ministry of Social Development on 0800 559 009 between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti were pleased to learn that schools are open for any child to attend, whether or not they have parents who are emergency workers. Schools are open for children of working parents or where it is beneficial for the wellbeing of the child.

Education

The Regional Ministry of Education team kicked into action as soon as we went into Alert Level 4. This involved setting up a COVID emergency response coordination group for schools and early learning services, whilst all staff have been working from home.

In general schools and early learning services have managed this lock down in a calm and resourceful manner. The move to online and/or the distribution of hard pack material for home

learning has been managed well. Though there are a number of students who have struggled to engage, for a wide range of reasons. These include a range of the following:

- Access to internet and devices
- Challenges associated with home conditions
- Previous disconnection from education

The level of contact between schools and early learning services and Ministry staff has been high as they navigate changes in regulations, communication strategies with whānau, provide support for whānau in need, and generally manage community, staff, and students' well-being.

Learning Support staff have continued to engage with whānau, students and sector staff to ensure those students with learning and behaviour needs are continuing to receive some advice and guidance. The counselling service to schools has continued to be rolled out, with agreements continuing to be negotiated between providers and all eligible schools. If you are aware of anyone in our community who is able to support children's wellbeing through a range of methods (play therapy, art therapy, counsellors, music therapy) the MOE would encourage people to contact, Daniel Murfitt, Regional Manager.

Key focus areas

Supported learning at home

Schools, Kura, and early learning services have been running home-based learning programmes since the first few days of lockdown. There appears to be a greater level of engagement from students than the 2020 lockdown. The sector has been quicker to distribute devices and hard material packs for students, and students are also more prepared for working from home. Though there are still a significant number of students who have struggled to engage during this time, with similar issues of lack of home resources hindering a number of students.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako / school lunches / access to food

A number of schools have supported whānau through food packs and vouchers during this time (this was common during the 2020 lockdown). Our messaging to schools has been to support whānau to access supports through MSD, Civil Defence and other locally support agencies.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako is able to operate at Alert Level 3 for those ākonga attending school. Under Level 3 schools cannot make extra lunches over and above those students attending in school, to be redistributed to those children who are not at school.

National funding has been re-distributed to MSD to support food distribution through their system during Level 4.

Alert Level 3

The following messaging has been sent to schools and early learning services through bulletins, Director Panui, sector zoom hui and through one-on-one contact. The challenge has been to make this message clear against previous lockdown messages and variable messages portrayed on the media.

Children attending Early Learning Services at Alert Level 3

Early learning services are expected to open for families who need it at Alert Level 3. They will need to work through the logistics of this in consultation with parents and whānau and will need to make decisions about prioritisation within the maximum bubble size of 10.

Services that open at Alert Level 3 will continue to be funded as if all their enrolled children had attended as expected.

Services can only remain closed if there are no families that need the service to open or if the service can't operate safely within public health parameters. If services need to remain closed for either of these reasons, they will continue to receive Ministry funding. Services that opt to remain closed for any other reason will not receive Ministry funding.

Students attending school/Kura at Alert Level 3

In Alert Level 3, most children and young people will continue to learn from home, however schools and early learning services are open for all children and young people in years 0-10 whose parents or carers need to go to work and there is no alternative person who can supervise them. We understand that the cumulative impact of reduced bubble sizes, vaccination requirements for 'at risk' teachers, means that schools and kura may have a reduced capacity to teach children and young people onsite.

While it is important that this capacity is reserved for those who really need it, families will identify for themselves if this is needed in their own situation and there will be a range of different needs in every community.

When learning onsite, 'school bubbles' of no more than 10 children are to be formed.

Staffing at Alert Level 3

Teachers are to stay with the same school bubble of students. This will mean that there will need to be designated relief or backup teacher identified for each school bubble.

At Alert Level 3, staff members (including both teachers and support staff) do not need to be fully vaccinated to work on site. Staff members who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should be fully vaccinated before working on site.

School transport at Alert Level 3

All Ministry-operated school bus services will initially operate on the existing timetables. Continuation of Ministry services will depend on demand – if no eligible students are using a bus service, then it will be discontinued for the remainder of Alert Level 3.

Messaging around face masks

New face covering requirements were introduced recently, which mandate their use by employees and customers (aged 12 and over) at businesses and services that are open to the public at Alert Level 4 and Alert Level 3.

The question of whether face coverings must be worn under Alert Level 3 in schools has been the subject of detailed investigation by Public Health.

At Alert Level 3, it is not mandatory to wear face coverings in schools and early learning services. However, it is strongly encouraged that children 12 years and over and adults wear a face covering when outside their home and outside their school bubbles.

Re-starting school construction projects

At Alert Level 3, all school construction projects can continue as long as the health and safety protocols are adhered to. We have contacted all of our suppliers to advise of these requirements.

Senior Secondary School Students accessing school sites at Alert Level 3

If schools consider there is an educational need for a student, or students, in Year 12 or 13 to physically attend school during alert Level 3 the governing bodies of schools have the option of bringing some of their Year 12 and 13 students back to school for face-to-face learning.

Currently 16 schools have applied for Senior Secondary Student Attendance Exemptions for up to 235 year 12 and 13 students. These requests have been approved by the Secretary of Education and the schools have been informed of the positive outcome.

Schools in Tairāwhiti include Ngata Memorial College, Te Karaka Area School, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kawakawa mai Tāwhiti

Changes to NCEA assessment dates

There has been significant disruption to thousands of secondary school students around New Zealand which is adding to students' anxiety. It has therefore been agreed to change dates and processes around some assessments – including extending the end of year exams and portfolio submissions by two weeks.

Use of schools as vaccination sites

In general schools are not part of the DHB led vaccination programme. This is because for 12 to 15-year-olds it is more convenient for them to go with their families.

Schools may be approached by local health providers to act as vaccination sites. This is a decision for the board. It can be quite polarising to offer schools sites for COVID-19 vaccinations, even when schools have been part of other vaccination programmes. Boards need to determine whether they feel that it is the best interests of their school community to make their school available or not. Local Health Providers would need to be assured that, if schools are functioning (for example, at lower Alert Levels) that there is the space to ensure a safe vaccination offering.

If a school and health provider agree that the school will be used as a vaccination site, they are joint PCBU – schools boards for the health and safety of people on the school site and Ministry of Health/the Health provider for the health and safety in relation to vaccine logistics and delivery. Please contact your Education Director if you have any questions.

National Update

Travel between regions at Alert Level 3 and Alert Level 4

- With the differing Alert Levels, we know there's been some confusion amongst whānau as to what that means for travel.
- Travel across an Alert Level 4 and Alert Level 3 boundary is strictly limited to essential movement. This is an important way to manage the risk of the virus spreading, so we can keep our communities safe.
- You may only travel between Alert Level 4 and Alert Level 3 areas if that travel is permitted.
- You can view the [full list of permitted travel](#) on the Unite Against COVID website. It includes travelling for emergencies, healthcare, vaccinations, and urgent care of tamariki.
- If your personal travel across the boundary is already permitted, you can cross the boundary and do not need to apply for an exemption to travel. You just need to make sure you have acceptable evidence to travel. You can find out what this looks like [here](#), simply click on one of the list items and you'll see an explanation of the evidence you need.
- If your reason for travelling isn't permitted, you will need to apply for an exemption. This can be done on the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Tangihanga at Alert Level 3

- With some of our whānau moving to Alert Level 3 at midnight, it's important we are reminded about what that means for tangihanga.
- At Alert Level 3, you can hold a tangihanga or nehunga, but these are limited to 10 people. The 10-person limit includes kaikaranga, kaikōrero, members of the clergy or kaimahi who are attending.
- Formal tangihanga involving large gatherings cannot take place at Alert Level 3.
- Up to 10 people in the same bubble may go to view the tūpapaku at the funeral home. Other whānau can also view the body by appointment, but only in groups of up to 10 who live in the same bubble.
- We're encouraging whānau to korero with their funeral directors about specific arrangements, including how to maintain physical distance.
- Funeral directors can also provide guidance on the best options for whānau, which may include livestreaming or video so others can take part in the service remotely.
- No kai or drink can be served, and physical distancing should be maintained between people.
- If you are attending a tangihanga, you are encouraged to:
 - keep 2 metres from people you do not live with
 - avoid physical contact, including harirū, hongī, and awhi,
 - wear a face covering.

Rent arrears

If you have overdue rent and you're worried you will lose your housing, you can talk to Work and Income for support.

- You don't need to be on a benefit to qualify for this help.
- It's a one-off payment.
- You'll need to pay the money back. We'll put a repayment plan in place to suit your financial circumstances.

You may be able to get Rent Arrears Assistance if you:

- are 16 or older
- have signed the tenancy agreement (or you're a tenant by way of a Family Violence Act order)
- have overdue rent you need to pay
- may be evicted because you haven't paid your rent
- are able to stay there if you pay the rent you owe, e.g.:
 - your tenancy isn't about to expire
 - you can afford to keep paying the rent.

How much you get depends on the amount of rent you owe. The most you can get is \$2,000 and you'll need to pay it back. You can only get this payment once in 12 months, unless there are exceptional situations, e.g.:

- sickness or injury, or
- you're in a family violence situation, or
- a victim of violent crime

Apply by contacting Work and Income on one of the numbers below. If you're:

- getting NZ Super or Veteran's Pension, call Senior Services on 0800 552 002
- a student, call StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00
- getting another payment from WINZ, call 0800 559 009
- not getting any payments from WINZ, call 0800 559 009

Data on National Maori Vaccination Rates by DHB'

Māori Vaccinations by DHB of Residence (Grouped) as at end of 29/08/21	First Dose 29/8/21	Fully Vaccinated 29/8/21	First Dose 30/8/21	Fully Vaccinated 30/8/21	Total Vaccinations Up / Down on Previous Day
Auckland Metro	725	274	1163	377	Up 541
Bay of Plenty	140	62	275	106	Up 179
Canterbury	223	57	362	110	Up 192
Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley	458	75	645	120	Up 232
Hawke's Bay	132	56	348	81	Up 241
Lakes	5	0	32	13	Up 40
MidCentral	116	19	197	49	Up 111
Nelson Marlborough	83	29	88	23	Down 1
Northland	12	3	648	105	Up 738
South Canterbury	32	6	51	12	Up 25
Southern	120	44	202	113	Up 151
Tairāwhiti	103	32	170	81	Up 116
Taranaki	221	19	120	27	Down 93
Waikato	307	56	705	182	Up 524
Wairarapa	1	0	39	6	Up 44
West Coast	139	1	4	0	Down 140
Whanganui	113	28	87	44	Down 10
Total	2,930	761	5,136	1,449	Up 2894
Māori Vaccinations by Age Band as at end of 29/8/21	First Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage Vaccinated First Dose	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	No First Dose
12 to 34	55,617	17,191	19.2%	5.9%	233,484
35 to 44	25,803	10,407	31.5%	12.7%	56,219
45 to 54	37,563	17,883	45.3%	21.6%	45,294
55 to 64	43,536	28,013	64.2%	41.3%	24,246
65 and over	40,009	32,929	81.2%	66.8%	9,281
Total	202,528	106,423	35.50%	18.60%	368,524
Vaccinations by Ethnicity as at end of 29/8/21	First Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage Vaccinated First Dose	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	
Asian	372,817	184,147	62.3%	30.8%	
European or other	1,503,230	810,895	55.0%	29.7%	
Māori	202,528	106,424	35.5%	18.6%	
Pasifika	131,345	72,899	45.8%	25.4%	
Total	2,209,920	1,174,365	52.8%	28.0%	

KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI