



TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

PANUI

12 OKETOPA 2021

Tena tatou,

There were 35 new community cases reported yesterday– all in the Auckland region. Of these cases, 14 have known links to existing cases (including four household contacts) and 21 remain under investigation. Yesterday's community cases total includes the case reported in the Bay of Plenty on Sunday

The Bay of Plenty case is understood to be under investigation, after a follow-up test returned a negative result (further details are below). While the case remains under investigation, the public health risk is deemed low given the person's vaccination status, regular test history, good use of the NZ COVID Tracer app and rapid contact, testing and isolation of family members, all of whom also returned negative results.

The Ministry thanked the individuals involved for their cooperation and Toi Te Ora Public Health for their precautionary approach, taking swift action to ensure public health safety.

Northland moves to Alert Level 3

Northland moved to Alert Level 3 from 11.59pm last Friday and Cabinet decided that Northland will remain at Alert Level 3 until 11.59pm on Thursday 14 October.

The move was prompted following new information on the risk presented by the positive case initially tested in Whangarei earlier this week and confirmed in Auckland yesterday. The woman is now in an Auckland Managed Isolation Quarantine facility.

The woman travelled extensively around Northland between the 2nd and 6th of October, and it is believed that she travelled with one other person

Hipkins said that the other factor that was taken into account was the low vaccination rates in Northland compared to the national average. It is one of the least-vaccinated regions - just two thirds of residents have had a Pfizer dose.

"Without placing restrictions on movement there is a possibility that the virus could spread quite rapidly within the community."

"Cases spreading at alert level 2 are a risk we cannot take, but it's also further reason why we need to really focus on vaccinations," said Hipkins. "Without high vaccination rates we will need to continue to use restrictions to stop the virus spreading.

Hon Hipkins is asking Northlanders to go and get tested as soon as possible, if they have any cold and flu like symptoms and to please get vaccinated.

Alert level 3 means that Northlanders had to stay in their bubble and stay at home, they can not go and visit family, friends and neighbours, this is a virus that can spread quite quickly and that is part of the way it spreads."

Whangārei Mayor Sheryl Mai said she "We've got a person who really has done everything that they should not do. And they've impacted all of Northland as a result.

Test and Vaccinate

The two best tools we have in the continued fight against COVID-19 are testing and vaccinations – the numbers for both continue to be high.

The more fully vaccinated people in the community, the safer we all are – and there is now more than 51% of the eligible New Zealand population who have received two doses,

| Cases | |
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| Number of new community cases | 35 |
| Number of new cases identified at the border | Zero |
| Location of new community cases | Auckland (35) |
| Location of community cases (total) | Auckland 1,573 (1,153 of whom have recovered); Waikato 31; Wellington 17 (all of whom have recovered); Bay of Plenty 1 |
| Number of community cases (total) | 1,622 (in current community outbreak) |
| Cases infectious in the community | 29 of yesterday's cases have exposure events (51%) |
| Cases in isolation throughout the period they were infectious | 28 of yesterday's cases (49%) |
| Cases epidemiologically linked | 14 of today's 35 cases |
| Cases to be epidemiologically linked | 21 of today's 35 cases. Interviews are ongoing to determine how they're linked |
| Cases epidemiologically linked (total) | 1,534 (in the current cluster) (58 unlinked from the past 14 days) |
| Number of sub-clusters | 16 epidemiologically linked subclusters. Of these, six are active, zero are contained and 10 are dormant. There are 14 epidemiologically unlinked subclusters. Of these, five are active, zero are contained and nine are dormant. |
| Cases in hospital | 33 (total): North Shore (5); Middlemore (16); Auckland (9); Starship Hospital (1); Waikato Base Hospital (1); Palmerston North Hospital (1) |
| Cases in ICU or HDU | Seven |

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| Confirmed cases (total) | 4,300 since pandemic began |
| Historical cases, since 1 Jan 2021 (total) | 168 out of 2,485 since 1 Jan 2021. One previously reported community case is now reclassified as historical. |
| Contacts | |
| Number of active contacts being managed (total): | 2,310 |
| Percentage who have received an outbound call from contact tracers (to confirm testing and isolation requirements) | 78% |
| Percentage with at least one test result | 70% |
| Locations of interest | |
| Locations of interest (total) | 362 (as at 10am 11 October) |
| Tests | |
| Number of tests (total) | 3,602,589 |
| Number of tests total (last 24 hours) | 15,349 |
| Tests processed in Auckland (last 24 hours) | 6,916 |
| Tests rolling average (last 7 days) | 21,777 |
| Testing centres in Auckland | 20 |
| Wastewater | |
| Wastewater detections | No unexpected detections in the last 24 hours. |
| COVID-19 vaccine update | |
| Vaccines administered to date (total) | 5,832,277; 1 st doses: 3,447,494; 2 nd doses: 2,384,783 |
| Vaccines administered yesterday (total) | 42,226; 1 st doses: 9,083; 2 nd doses: 33,143 |
| Māori | 1 st doses: 346,353; 2 nd doses: 213,742 |
| Pacific Peoples | 1 st doses: 219,096; 2 nd doses: 146,626 |
| Vaccines administered to Auckland residents to date (total) | 2,123,757; 1 st doses: 1,239,955 (87%); 2 nd doses: 883,802 (62%) |
| Vaccines administered to Auckland residents yesterday (total) | 17,017; 1 st doses: 2,497; 2 nd doses: 14,520 |
| NZ COVID-19 tracer | |
| Registered users (total) | 3,289,318 |
| Poster scans (total) | 421,676,673 |
| Manual diary entries (total) | 18,011,167 |
| Poster scans in 24 hours to midday yesterday | 2,083,997 |

Two staff members have now returned positive results for COVID-19 following a positive case reported yesterday in a patient receiving treatment in the dialysis unit adjacent to North Shore Hospital.

The connection between the three cases is being investigated.

A number of staff have been stood down initially as a precaution, and all those staff who have been tested have returned negative results.

The dialysis unit remains open, with measures in place to manage potential risk to both patients and staff. This includes use of PPE and intensive cleaning between each group of patients and plans to use a mix of rapid PCR and rapid antigen testing for staff prior to them starting their shift.

Auckland City Hospital staff member

Auckland DHB last night informed the Ministry that a fully vaccinated staff member tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend.

Auckland City Hospital has now identified all contacts of the staff member, to carry out testing onsite for staff and patients.

We have been informed this morning that two further hospital staff members have tested positive. Of the three, two were tested at a community testing site while one was tested as part of routine workplace surveillance.

Initial investigations have shown there are no links to the NICU parent case.

It's important to note Auckland City Hospital has Infection, Prevention and Control protocols in place and unless you're contacted by public health staff, patients and whanau who've been at the hospital you won't need to do anything further.

With more than 12,000 staff, the DHB is one of the biggest employers in Auckland so it is not unexpected that there will be staff members who acquire COVID within the community.

Update on Auckland case who travelled to Northland

Whole genome sequencing for the Auckland case who travelled to Northland has been completed on the initial sample, confirming the case is linked to the Auckland outbreak.

Due to sample quality limitations, whole genome sequencing could not link the case to a specific cluster, however resampling has been undertaken and ESR are working to improve the data quality of additional sequencing.

The case remains in an Auckland quarantine facility.

A second person who is thought to have travelled with this case has been contacted but not yet located.

The case was under investigation after returning a weak positive result from a test in Whangarei earlier this week and Friday returned a positive test result in Auckland.

Public health staff continue to work closely with the person to determine any locations of interest or exposure events associated with the case. There are currently 21 close contacts associated with this case. The household of the case and travel companion are included in this number.

As these become available they will be [added to the Ministry's website](#) as quickly as possible. We ask people to check these regularly, especially if you have visited, or live in Auckland, Waikato or Northland.

Anyone in Northland should remain vigilant for symptoms, particularly anyone who has visited a location of interest or been in an area of interest at the times specified should get tested and isolate until they receive the result.

Northland testing and vaccination centres

In Northland, health officials are pleased with the weekend's testing numbers, with 738 tests carried out yesterday. Over the past four days, nearly 3,000 tests (2,985) have been undertaken.

Today there are five testing sites available across the region:

Whangarei – Rock and Roll car park, Pohe Island (9am–4pm); Kamo, 20 Winger Crescent (9am –4pm)

Dargaville – Dargaville Hospital (9am-4pm)

Kerikeri – 1 Sammaree Place (9am-4pm)

Kaitaia – Kaitaia Hospital, 29 Redan Road (9am-4pm)

Northland DHB, local iwi and providers are also working hard to ensure as many Northlanders are vaccinated as possible.

Four clinics are open for vaccinations today at Kaitaia, Whangarei, Dargaville, and Kerikeri.

Kaitaia – The Old Warehouse Building, 11 Matthews Ave (10am-5pm)

Whangarei – Northland Events Centre (10am-5pm)

Dargaville - 22a Normanby St (11am-6pm)

Kerikeri – 1 Sammaree Place (9am-4pm)

Yesterday, 459 first doses and 630 second doses were administered, totalling 1,089 doses across Northland.

To date, 188,382 doses have been administered across Northland, comprising 110,446 first doses and 77,936 second doses.

Waikato update

There are no new community cases to report in Waikato today, with all 31 existing cases linked to the original index case in the region.

Yesterday across the region, 1,212 swabs were taken, and 3,292 vaccinations administered.

There are three pop-up testing centres operating today at Claudelands Event Centre, Te Kohao Health in Hamilton East, and one at Raglan, as well as the existing testing centre at Founders Theatre.

Further details on exact locations and hours of testing sites are available on [the Healthpoint](#) and [Waikato DHB sites](#).

MidCentral case update

A previously reported case, in an individual from Auckland, who tested positive in Palmerston North and who had been in isolation on the hospital grounds was transferred on Friday (8 October) to Palmerston North Hospital and is currently receiving treatment.

The Ministry understands from MidCentral DHB the patient is in a stable condition.

Testing and vaccinations

The two best tools we have in the continued fight against COVID-19 are testing and vaccinations – the numbers for both continue to be high.

The Ministry of Health urges anyone who has symptoms, no matter how mild, to please get tested and isolate until they receive the result. For COVID-19 testing locations nationwide, visit the [Healthpoint website](#).

Additionally, anyone who hasn't already done so should [book their COVID-19 vaccination](#) today.

Getting vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19, and will help to accelerate our economic recovery, reduce the risk of future lockdowns, and safely allow New Zealand's borders to begin re-opening.

Iwi Update

Te Hauora o Turanganui a Kiwa Ltd



Turanga Health

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, COVID-19 VACCINATION, KAUPAPA MĀORI

Turanga Health COVID-19 Vaccination centres

- Anyone currently eligible can access
- No appointment required
- Walk in

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step you can take to protect yourself, your kaumātua and whānau from the effects of the virus. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccines and eligibility visit [Ministry of Health - COVID-19 vaccines](#)

If you are getting a flu, MMR or other vaccine, it will affect timing of the COVID-19 vaccination. Please discuss with your health provider.

Whānau Vaccination Venues

- Have your **FREE COVID shot without a trip to town**

- Turanga Health is bringing you the opportunity to have all your COVID Shots in your community closer to you.
- We are vaccinating and there will be COVID shots available administered by a certified vaccinator.
- In the event of a Tangihanga at any scheduled marae, an alternative venue will be available.

| Venue | Dates | Time |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Waituhi - Pakowhai Marae | Thursday 7th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive thru) | Saturday 9th October | 10am - 2pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive thru) | Sunday 10th October | 10am - 2pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive thru) | Monday 11th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive thru) | Tuesday 12th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive thru) | Wednesday 13th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Blackpool Park | Wednesday 13th October | 5pm-7pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive Thru) | Thursday 14th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Waerenga o Kuri - Community Hall | Thursday 14th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive Thru) | Friday 15th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Muriwai - Tamanuhiri Marae | Friday 15th October | 3pm - 6pm |
| Harry Barker (Drive Thru) | Saturday 16th October | 10am-2pm |

SIMPLE PROCESS

- We can vaccinate children aged 12+ when they come with a parent or caregiver.
- Just turn up, no appointment is required, walk-ins encouraged
- This service is available to the community and will assist parents of young children, elderly and those with medical dependencies to receive their vaccinations.

FURTHER INFORMATION/ENQUIRIES

- Call Turanga Health on (06) 869 0457
- [Turanga Health - Home | Facebook](https://www.nph.org.nz/)
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Ngati Porou Hauora Vaccination Clinics Schedule for October

| Step | Venue | Date | Time |
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| 1 | Te Tini o Porou Static Vaccination Clinic | 4 th to 8 th Oct 2021 11 th to 15 th Oct 18 th to 22 nd Oct | 9.30am – 6.30pm 9.30am to 6.30pm 2.00pm to 7.30pm (later start to catch workers) |
| 2 | Drive through at Te Poho Rawiri Marae | 26 th to 29 th Oct | 9.30am |

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| 3 | Rural Remote Coast clinic rollout (4 th round) 5 clinics | 11 th to the 15 Oct 2021 18 th to 22 nd Oct 25 th – 29 th Oct | 10am to 6.30pm 10am to 6.30pm 10am to 6.30pm |
| 4 | Hikurangi Food market, Ruatoria | 9 th October 2021 | 9.30am -1.00pm receiving free entry ticket to the rugby after vaccination. |
| 5 | Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby Fixture NPEC vs South Canterbury Whakarua Park | 9 th October 2021 | 1.30pm – 5.00pm |
| 6 | East Coast School Based Mobile Clinics begin rollout from 20 th of October starting at Whangara and travelling up the East Coast to finish at Potaka. | | |

NPH data for last week

| Date | Venue | Number |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mon 4 Oct | Te Tini o Porou | 229 |
| Tues 5 Oct | Te Tini o Porou | 206 |
| Wed 6 Oct | Te Tini o Porou | 195 |
| Thurs 7 Oct | Te Tini o Porou | 184 |
| Fri 8 Oct | Te Tini o Porou | 264 |
| Sat 9 Oct | Hikurangi Foodmarket, Kahuitara Whakarua Park | 79 |
| Total for the week | | 1,157 |

Turanga Health Data for last week

| Date | Venue | Number |
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| Mon 4th Oct | Waihirere - Parihimanihi Marae | 29 |
| Tues 5th Oct | 29 Riversun | 65 |
| Wed 6th Oct | Pultron | 33 |
| Thurs 7th Oct | Turanga Ararau | 11 |
| Thurs 7th Oct | Trust Tairawhiti | 9 |
| Thurs 7th Oct | Waituhi - Pakowhai Marae | 41 |
| Fri 8th Oct | Gisborne Fisheries | 9 |
| Sat 9th Oct | Harry Barker | 258 |
| Sun 10th Oct | Harry Barker | 319 |
| Total | | |

Regional Update

No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairawhiti.

National Update

Yesterday, the Government announced that they are planning to require every single teacher at every level, and all support staff who work with children, to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The mandate is being taken to Cabinet on Monday by COVID-19 Response and Education Minister Chris Hipkins. This approach has been supported by the Children's Commissioner Andrew Becroft who wants the mandate to go further - calling for double vaccination for anyone who works with children.

New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) director of campaigns Stephanie Mills said "they will support a mandate for teachers, but only if they are given the option to be redeployed and a fair process is followed."

"As a union we have followed public health advice all the way through this epidemic. It's served the country well and it's served our members well so far, so we will follow public health mandates, but we will also balance that with upholding rights and due process and fair process for any members who can't or won't get vaccinated," Mills said on Friday.

"Anybody working in education has the right to go through a process which would consider them working not directly on the frontline which, of course, people in education do - they are not all in classrooms every day.

"In terms of early childhood though... When we think about the relationship early childhood teachers have with children, apart from parents and immediate whanau, those teachers are the ones that spend the most time with your child so I think they will have safety and the health and wellbeing of the children at the top of their minds."

Mills said while there aren't specific figures for how many teachers are vaccinated, given teachers tend to be older women, she suspects many already are.

"I think because we work with children most teachers know that the biggest path of transmission of the virus is from adult to children. So, we definitely encourage people to get vaccinated because that's the best way to protect children and if you care about the children you work with, I think most teachers are going to be very seriously considering vaccination if they haven't already."

Mills conceded moving teachers from the frontlines would put pressure on the [education sector](#).

That's a concern shared by early childhood public health researcher Mike Bedford who said a vaccine mandate could crash the teacher-starved sector.

COVID-19 vaccine update

- Total vaccines administered to date 5,621,078; of which 3,400,749 (81%) were 1st doses: and 2,220,329 (53%) were 2nd doses:

- Total of vaccines administered yesterday 82,303; of which 19,705 were 1st doses, and 62,598 were 2nd doses:
- Total vaccines administered to Māori to date 534,936 of which, 336,832 were 1st doses and 198,104 were 2nd doses:
- Total vaccines administered to Pacific Peoples to date 351,080 of which 214,878, were 1st doses and 136,202 were 2nd doses:
- Total vaccines administered to Auckland residents to date 2,044,163: 1,226,962 (86%) are 1st doses and 817,201(57%) are 2nd doses:

Through vaccination we can live the best possible life in New Zealand.

KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI