



# TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

## PANUI

### 17 OKETOPA 2021

Tena tatou,

There are 51 new community cases today, including four in Waikato, two of the Waikato cases were linked to earlier cases and they are investigating any links the other two may have.

The Ministry of Health confirmed that 28 of today's 51 cases are linked, of whom 18 are household contacts, and 23 remain unlinked. There is also one household in the Wellsford area with cases, after two positive detections in wastewater. "Wellsford residents are urged to remain vigilant and get tested if they have any symptoms."

There were 41 new community cases on Saturday, all in Auckland except for one that was identified in Waikato.

The Ministry said this afternoon the official count for yesterday's Super Saturday Vaxathon was **130,002 doses given - 39,025 first doses and 90,977 second doses.**

#### **The Rise in the number and proportion of Maori COVID Cases** **Opinion piece by Dr Rawiri Taonui.**

On Friday, Māori were 23 (35.4%) of 65 new community cases reported. Since the 29th of September there has been a surge in Māori cases started. Friday was the 12th consecutive day and the 15th time in 16 days that **Maori have been the highest number of new cases.** The rising number, increasing proportion of Māori cases and significant numbers of Maori who are unvaccinated is alarming and should trigger alarm bells throughout out the health system and amongst whanau, hapu, iwi, regions, and the Government.

## Cases by Ethnicity

15 October 2021

Ethnicity	% Popn	New Cases Today	% New Cases	Cases Delta Level 3	% Cases Delta Level 3	MIQ Active Cases	% MIQ Active Cases	Total Cases Delta	% Delta Cases	Hospital	% Hospital
Māori	16.7%	23	35.4%	346	44.9%	305	44.7%	496	26.7%	41	24
Pacific	8.0%	16	24.6%	209	27.1%	155	22.7%	948	51.1%	105	62
Asian	15.5%	5	7.7%	40	5.2%	36	5.3%	130	7.0%	6	4
MELAA	1.5%	0	0.0%	7	0.9%	5	0.7%	17	0.9%	2	1
Pākehā & Other	71.7%	21	32.3%	168	21.8%	182	26.6%	264	14.2%	19	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>		<b>770</b>		<b>683</b>		<b>1,855</b>		<b>170</b>	

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Māori are 16.7% of the population. From 5.7% of all Delta cases on 1 September, we are now 44.9% of new cases since Auckland went to Alert Level 3, 44.7% of all active cases in Managed Isolation and Quarantine, 26.7% of cases during the Delta Outbreak, and 24.1% of those who have been hospitalised.

### The Rising Number of Māori Cases

15 October 2021

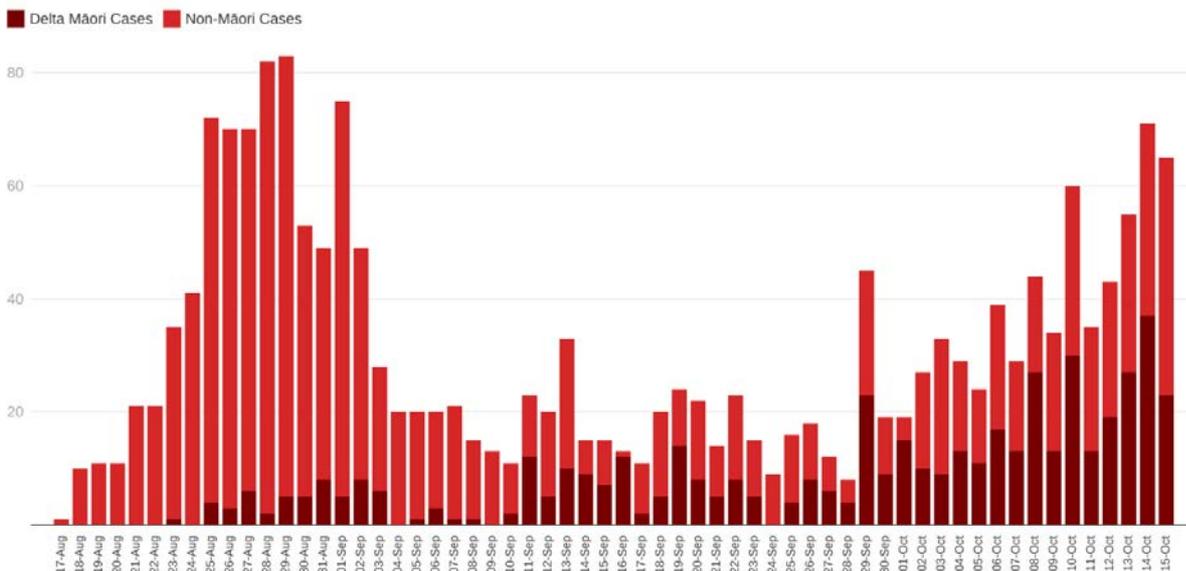


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## Māori Vaccination

The numbers in the vaccination table below differ from those from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry uses the Health User Service Index. This does not include people who have not used the health system in the previous year. This is about 4% of the population or 204,000 people. A large number of these people are Māori and Pacific. For example, the last Annual Health Survey showed that 20% of Māori adults did not see a doctor because they could not afford to do so.

Māori are 36.7% fully vaccinated. Another 21.1% have received their first dose. Combined, 57.7% of Māori have partial or full vaccine protection. This is 72.3% of the national overall rate of vaccination.

## Delta Outbreak Vaccination

13 October 2021

Ethnic Group	Popn 12yrs+		First Dose		Fully Vaccinated		Total Vaccinated		Unvaccinated
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
Māori	612,866		129,120	21.1%	224,725	36.7%	353,845	57.7%	42.3%
Pacific Peoples	308,038		69,922	22.7%	151,625	49.2%	221,547	71.9%	28.1%
Asian	632,106		152,748	24.2%	434,306	68.7%	587,054	92.9%	7.1%
European/Other	2,805,556		634,369	22.6%	1,683,901	60.0%	2,318,270	82.6%	17.4%
<b>Eligible Popn</b>	<b>4,358,566</b>		<b>986,159</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>2,494,557</b>	<b>57.2%</b>	<b>3,480,716</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>20.1%</b>

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Of most concern, are those in the 12-34-year-old age cohort. More than 50% are unvaccinated.

## Māori Vaccination by Age

13 October 2021

Age Band	Population 12yrs+		First Dose Only		Fully Vaccinated		Total Vaccinated		Unvaccinated
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
12 to 34	310,110	50.6%	75,990	24.5%	70,260	22.7%	146,250	47.2%	52.8%
35 to 44	88,253	14.4%	20,127	22.8%	29,871	33.8%	49,998	56.7%	43.3%
45 to 54	88,866	14.5%	17,415	19.6%	42,344	31.9%	59,759	67.2%	32.8%
55 to 64	72,931	11.9%	9,501	13.0%	46,612	54.5%	56,113	76.9%	23.1%
65 and over	52,706	8.6%	4,234	8.0%	41,336	75.9%	45,570	86.5%	13.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>58.4%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>

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We need as many young role models as possible to speak to their peers in this age group, including any who have already had Covid-19. Ko nga taiohi o tenei whakatupuranga nga rangatira o apōpō. The young people of this generation are the leaders of the future. Many are at risk from long Covid-19 complications, the worst of which affect kidney and liver function, the lungs, heart, and brain.

## Māori Vaccinations by DHB

The following table presents Māori vaccinations by District Health Board ranked by those who have the highest percentage of first dose Maori.

There is a [Ministry data-based website](#) for those seeking local town by city or town. Both this table and the website have the limitations of the HSU index but are otherwise helpful.

13 October 2021

	Total First Dose	Total Fully Vaccinated	% First Dose	% Fully Vaccinated
Auckland	91,037	59,104	68.8%	44.6%
Bay of Plenty	26,618	15,980	55.8%	33.5%
Canterbury	24,255	14,450	65.6%	39.1%
Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley	32,154	20,498	69.8%	44.5%
Hawke's Bay	19,745	13,102	58.0%	38.5%
Lakes	16,975	10,721	56.4%	35.6%
MidCentral	15,066	9,905	62.2%	40.9%
Nelson Marlborough	7,015	4,940	62.4%	43.9%
Northland	28,935	18,598	57.3%	36.8%
South Canterbury	2,129	1,415	62.1%	41.3%
Southern	15,950	11,193	67.5%	47.3%
Tairāwhiti	11,843	8,357	59.7%	42.1%
Taranaki	9,097	5,383	57.2%	33.8%
Waikato	43,404	27,892	62.3%	40.0%
Wairarapa	3,812	2,484	60.5%	39.4%
West Coast	1,740	1,044	62.9%	37.8%
Whanganui	7,764	5,262	57.5%	38.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>357,690</b>	<b>230,423</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>

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### Our Most Vulnerable Time

Māori have suffered disproportionately in every pandemic-epidemic event to wash our shores. During the 1913 Smallpox Epidemic, Māori begged the government for life-saving vaccines. The government produced over 750,000 doses. The vaccine was frequently given to Europeans in towns first and the remainder was distributed to Māori.

**Gisborne received only 200 doses of vaccine for a community of 12,000 Māori and Pākehā.** The Waikato community at Taupiri, where there was a serious outbreak, received only enough to vaccinate 80 of 300 Māori who lived there. The Hokianga received none.

Our ancestors did not have access to a lifesaving vaccination. We do. On the back of the 50-year Māori Renaissance, Māori are in the strongest position since colonisation began to successfully combat a pandemic. Our communities are strong. We are better educated. We have great leaders wāhine and tāne, young and old, the abled and disabled, and iwi and urban.

Delta is next level. We are entering our most vulnerable time. Our young, impoverished, infirm, and disabled on the margins are most at risk. They distrust government and rightly so. They are the victims of systemic cumulative intergenerational racism in education, social welfarism, employment, housing, justice, and health.

Delta is not a political football. Opposition for the sake of opposition is a pathway of empty rhetoric upon which we all lose. We need across-party political leadership. Decisions protecting life is all that counts.

We need people who look like us and speak our language whether in English or te reo Māori to tell our Covid story. We have the largest and most capable Māori Members of Parliament in history. They need to stand and lead, including in daily briefings.

Driven by a cognitively dysfunctional smug white racism, a fringe medical minority, and the tithe-enriched self-anointed, the anti-vaccination freedom movement exploits the fears and suspicions of the mistrusting ethnically destitute and abandoned.

***The freedom to accept vaccination or not may be a human right. The freedom to place others at risk is not.*** The freedom riders derive and thrive on a duplicitous advantage drawn from the privilege of living in a country with the best record in the world of combating Covid the reward for which could be hectares of unmarked graves.

***Get vaccinated to protect our whakapapa and your whānau. Be a good ancestor for future generations.***

## COVID-19 CASES SUMMARY

New cases reported during the past 24 hours		53*
Active cases	At the border	21
	In the community	621
	Under investigation/other	0
	Total	642
Most recent case reported		17 October 2021

## All case outcomes since first New Zealand case

COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total
Active	-23	642
Recovered	75	4321
Deceased	0	28

## Number of active cases

	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present	Total since first NZ case
Confirmed	-23	642	4632
Probable	0	0	359
Total	-23	642	4991

## 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	2	21
People in close contact with someone who caught COVID-19 while overseas	0	0
Caught COVID-19 from someone locally	-9	265
Caught COVID-19 within NZ, but source is unknown	1	2
Under investigation	-17	354

# Iwi Update

Once again, our appreciation and respect for the tireless commitment of our Hauora Providers ably supported by Hauora Tairāwhiti staff, for their contribution to the National Vaccination Day, Super Saturday effort yesterday. While we fell short of the 1,300-target set, it was not because of a lack of effort or preparedness by our Turanga Health, Ngāti Porou Hauora, and Hauora Tairāwhiti Vaccination teams and Kaiāwhina.

For Ngāti Porou, it was in part the lack of a "Super Saturday" event on the Coast, which could have picked up a number of first timers and second doze whānau members attending NPEC games in Ruatoria. The decision not to hold a vaccination clinic in

Ruatoria on Saturday was the result of a 'fatigued Vaccination workforce, who have been working six-day weeks for the past 3-4 months and the impromptu visit by the PM to last week's NPEC games, for which NPH stood-up two back-to-back vaccination clinics.

The Turanga Health led Harry Barker Drive-through clinic was a great example of the coordinated and complementary efforts and contributions of Turanga Health, Turanga FM and Turanga Whanau Ora Kaiawhina, with support from community groups such as the Poverty Bay Rugby Team.

All of the Vaccination Clinics benefited from the generosity of iwi and local businesses, who provided food, gift cards and a range of give-aways, that were well received by the hundreds who turned up to be vaccinated. A big mihi also needs to go out to the Maori Wardens, Local MP, Meka Whaitiri and the Volunteers who turned up in numbers to support the day.

It was particularly encouraging to see mums escorting their teenage children to the clinics, parents escorting their adult children, or looking after their mokopuna so the moko's parents could get vaccinated.

However, after yesterday's effort what is apparent, is that we have still got a long way to go with achieving a 90-95% vaccination rate for Maori in Tairāwhiti and therefore the efforts required by Iwi Hauora providers will need to be sustained for the next couple of months, if we are being optimistic or the next six months, based on our current vaccination strike rate.

Our collective efforts over the next two months, requires the Toitu Tairāwhiti iwi organisations, board members, staff, and contractors, along with our Iwi Radio and Iwi Communications teams to step up our efforts. Toitu Tairāwhiti will conduct a review of our Super Saturday efforts to identify what worked and what needs to be improved for our next major super vaccination event, mindful that six days of the week, for the past six months, have been Vaccination Day in Tairāwhiti.

An example of a whanau community group stepping up their efforts to contribute to our vaccination target, is highlighted in the article on a Coast based community, whanau group who have taken the initiative to raise funds to purchase a mobile unit, to conduct household by household clinics in isolated parts of the Coast.

### **Local Community Group establishes Givealittle page to raise funds for a community mobile Clinic**

Wharekahika based, Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust set up a [Givealittle page](#) last night in response to Super Saturday, with Tairāwhiti having the lowest turnout yesterday - **only 912 jabs**.

More than \$80,000 was raised in the first 16 hours. Trustee Ani Pahuru-Huriwai said the Trust did not expect so much public support and was "so grateful to everybody who has contributed".

They have been overwhelmed by the national response. "It means we can do a really thorough job of what needs to be done ahead of us," Pahuru-Huriwai said.

The Trust planned to undertake a five-week campaign, going door-to-door with households, and then vaccinating people at community events over summer.

Pahuru-Huriwai said vaccination in the Tairāwhiti area was challenging because it was "not like the big cities that have a permanent vaccination clinic that operate every day".

She said the clinics on the east coast were well received, but "we feel that to help lift vaccination rates going door-to-door is the next strategy". The area had "isolated pockets

The isolation was something Pahuru-Huriwai thought played into Tairāwhiti's low Super Saturday turnout because "the concentration of effort happened in Gisborne, not in our coastal region".

Pahuru-Huriwai said they had been thinking of the mobile clinic before Super Saturday after seeing how well similar vaccination efforts had worked elsewhere in the country.

She hoped they would be able to start the door-to-door campaign in early November.

## Turanga Health



## Ngāti Porou Hauora



## Regional Update

No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti.



**Locations:**

- Community Vaccination Clinic 9am-3pm
- Harry Barker Drive Thru 10am-2pm
- Te Tini o Porou 10am-5pm
- Tairāwhiti Arts Festival 4-8pm

**FREE FOOD**  
DJ, coffee carts,  
awesome prizes to be  
won on the day.

### **Local planning:**

Our amazing vaccination teams did their bit and more to organise a range of entertaining activities and manaaki plus hospitality for the SUPER SATURDAY CLINICS held in Turanga yesterday. Whanau attending the clinics were treated to a Tairawhiti Talent Fest of some of our iconic singers, DJs with playlists that appealed to all age groups and Stars in the Eyes, Karaoke hopefuls, enticed by instant fame or infamy and great prizes.

The Tairawhiti Community spirit kicked in with Volunteers from a number of local organisations, including the Council, Trust Tairawhiti, Tairawhiti Arts Festival, Eastland Group, Sports teams, community volunteers, and government agency staff led by Te Puni Kokiri, DOC and MSD.

Oyster shots to go with Pfizer shots were on offer, along with seafood chowder, hangi, sausage sizzle and a supply of pies from local pie makers. Many local businesses provided prizes and the Council free buses for people requiring transport to get to the closest vaccination centre. The Department of Conservation gave away a range of potted plants for first time or second time vaccers and the Te Puni Kokiri Campervan doubled as a second Vaccination Clinic and a BIG Screen facility for people to watch the Coast games, and the latest recruits to the NPEC Rugby Team, Maa'Nonu and Player-Coach Hosea Gear.

### **Support for Super Saturday!**

To all the organisations and businesses that provided volunteers to assist at the Vaccination Clinics, Local MP Meka Whaitiri, Mayor Rehette Stoltz, TRONPnui Chair, Selwyn Parata and Toitu Iwi Chairs for their energetic and enthusiastic support throughout the day, our thanks and appreciation. *Hei apopo, he Ra ano*

## **National Update**

### **Super Saturday Vaxathon sees biggest-ever one-day vaccine update for Māori**

Epidemiologist Michael Baker is calling for more mass vaccination events, saying the first one united the country.

Professor Baker took part in the Vaxathon, and said it was a fantastic day. He thought it was a celebration really of the whole country coming together in this united way to beat the virus and it was a really positive atmosphere, so I think we need more events like that."

Another epidemiologist, Rod Jackson, said the government must take a new approach in order to vaccinate those who have still not received a shot. Professor Jackson said, "while Super Saturday was a success, half a million eligible people still remain unvaccinated.

He said those who are vaccine-hesitant need to hear less from government figureheads, and more from community leaders.

Health officials say 84 percent of people in this country have now had their first Pfizer dose after yesterday's Vaxathon.

Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield said multiple records were broken yesterday, including the biggest-ever one-day vaccine update for Māori, with more than 21,000 doses given - 10,941 first doses and 10,874 second doses.

As well, 4223 Pasifika received their first doses and 8093 their second.

Dr Bloomfield said the 40,000 doses given yesterday have left Tamaki Makaurau just one percentage point off its 90 percent target for first-dose vaccinations.

Nationally, 65 percent of this country's eligible population is now fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and Dr Bloomfield is encouraging anyone who still needs to get their second jab, to book online.

He also thanked the hundreds of health providers, businesses, workplaces, and community organisations who played their part in supporting the 783 vaccination sites around the motu for their vaccinations

### **Keep the magic - MP**

The Māori Party wants to see the Super Saturday vaccination momentum continue.

Co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer said the number of Māori vaccinated was part of a fantastic effort. She said while a centralised approach was necessary early on in the rollout, there now needs to be recognition that there needs to be more on the ground, locality ownership

Auckland's Mayor Phil Goff said he was proud to see so many South Auckland residents roll up their sleeves for the vaccine, recognising that South Auckland, has been hard-hit by Covid-19 cases.

He said giving people the opportunity to talk with health providers helped vaccine-hesitant people choose to get vaccinated.

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

**KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI**