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PANUI

20 AUGUST 2021

Tena tatou,

Alert Level 4 lockdown has now been extended to 11.59pm on Tuesday 24 August, nationwide. There are 11 new cases of COVID-19 in the New Zealand community bringing the total number of cases associated with the current Auckland community outbreak to 31. Of the 11 new cases, 8 are in Auckland and 3 are in Wellington. The 3 in Wellington had recently travelled to Auckland and visited a location of interest there. In addition, there are 2 new cases in recent returnees in a managed isolation facility.

While anxiety around the resurgence of COVID-19 and the new Delta variant is increasing, it is important to remember there are things we can all do to help keep ourselves safe. Keep washing and drying hands regularly and thoroughly, sneeze or cough into your elbow, and wear a face covering.

Included in this Panui is data sourced from the World Health Organization (WHO) on the global impact of COVID-19. The picture the data paints is very sobering and is a timely reminder to us, that we all need to take personal responsibility for our health and safety, stay at home, get vaccinated and maintain hygiene and social distancing requirements.

Summary		
New cases reported during the past 24 hours		14
Active cases	At the border	39
	In the community	30
	Under investigation/other	0
	Total	69
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)		20 August 2021

Location of active cases		
In managed facilities	13	52
In hospital	1	5
At home or in self-isolation	3	6
Not in isolation	0	0
Other	-3	6



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International Covid-19 Update as of 17 August, sourced from World Health Organisation (WHO)

New cases	Confirmed cases	Vaccine doses administered	Deaths
666,959	209,201,939	4,543,716,443	4,390,467.

Nation-wide Vaccine data & statistics as of 19 August 2021

first doses administered	second doses administered	total doses administered
1,655,598	954,415	2,610,013

Tairawhiti Vaccine data & statistics as of 17 August 2021

first doses administered	second doses administered	total doses administered
25,005	9,067	25,005

Iwi Update

Toitu Tairawhiti Iwi Chairs met with the other members of Rau Tipu Rau Ora, the Tairawhiti COVID-19 Response and Recovery Leadership team today to discuss the regions preparedness and response to the more virulent, Delta strain of the COVID-19 virus. Discussions focused on health, food, medical and hygiene supplies, safety, communications, and business support.

Iwi organisations are planning to reactivate response and relief efforts and engagement with hapu and community hubs. Tairawhiti iwi organisations have been actively working with iwi health providers and radio stations to coordinate efforts and share resources in a joined-up approach to supporting whanau, Kuru Pounamu, and communities.

Message for the day

**A mask is better than a ventilator,
Home is better than ICU
Prevention is better than cure
It's not CURFEW
It's CARE FOR U**

Schedule of Turanga Health & Ngati Porou Hauora COVID-19 vaccination clinics

Turanga Health – Vaccination Clinics

Dates	Location	Time	Notes
Fri 20 August –27th August	Harriers Club 91 Innes Street (Elgin)	9am - 5pm	Walk ins – no appointments & Clinic is for Frontline Health Workers & Essential Workers.
Tues 24th August	Matawai – Community Hall	11pm – 6pm	No appointment required
Fri 27th & Sat 28th August	Rangatira Scout Hall Te Karaka	Fri 12pm-6pm Sat 10am-3pm	No appointment required
Tues 31st August	Parihimanihi Marae Waihirere	12pm-6pm	No appointment required

Turanga Vaccination Clinic venues and dates will be periodically updated.



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Ngati Porou Hauora Vaccination Clinics

Dates	Location	Time	Notes
Fri 20 August	Te Tini o Porou	9am - 7pm	No appointment required
Sat 21 August	Te Tini o Porou	9am - 5pm	No appointment required
Sun 22 August	Te Tini o Porou	9am-5pm	No appointment required
Mon 23 – Fri 27 August	Te Tini o Porou	9am – 6pm	No appointment required

Regional Update

There are no COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti. Locations of interest are regularly updated on the Ministry of Health website.

Hauora Tairāwhiti are doing all they can to ensure that Tairāwhiti health services are ready to respond to COVID-19 should it reach our district.

Under the Alert Level 4 lockdown, a no visiting policy remains in place at Gisborne Hospital and most surgeries and elective procedures will be postponed. If you are required to attend Gisborne Hospital for an urgent appointment, you will be screened at the entrance and must wear a face mask upon entering.

The Hauora Tairāwhiti Public Health Team leads the response if there are any positive COVID-19 tests in Tairāwhiti. If you are unwell and experiencing respiratory symptoms, you can receive a swab at the community testing centre at 295 Palmerston Road, between City's Choice Dairy and JA Russell. Tests are only for those with symptoms or who have been at a location of interest.

The contacts of anyone who tested positive would be **immediately** followed up whether there was a school, or any other organisation involved. In the case of a school the Public Health team will work with parents and the principal to isolate close contacts and advise other members of the school community.

We all need to act as though we are infectious – about half of spread is from those without symptoms. So, please keep up hygiene, and wear a mask when you are in a room or close to people not your bubble.

Trained teams of contact tracers are ready to act, to make sure everyone that may be affected is identified. That is why it is important to keep a diary of where you have been or download the [NZ COVID Tracer App](#) and scan QR codes as you enter any business or organisation.

Hauora Tairāwhiti– Vaccination Clinics

Dates	Location	Time	Notes
Sat 21 August	Poutama Clinic, Behind Gisborne Hospital		By appointment
Mon 23 -Sat 28 August	Poutama Clinic, Behind Gisborne Hospital		By appointments



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National Update

Testing for COVID-19

If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms including a runny nose, cough or loss of smell and taste, you must stay home and call your GP or Healthline on 0800611 116. They may refer you for a COVID-19 test.

This is important if you have recently travelled outside of the Tairāwhiti region, especially Auckland or Coromandel. Please continue physical distancing of at least 2 metres. Continue to wash your hands regularly and other good hygiene habits.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is used by health departments to **prevent the spread of infectious diseases**. In general, contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

It is important to use a tool that can help you, so download the NZ COVID Tracer create a digital diary of places you visit by scanning the official QR codes. The tracker will help contact tracers to isolate anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19 quickly.

Businesses should have a QR code displayed so customers can be traced quickly if required.

The NZ COVID Tracer app is a private, easy way to keep track of where you've been. It's one thing we can all do to help contact tracing go faster when a case of COVID-19 is detected and stop the virus from spreading.

Do your part to keep our whanau and communities safe and our businesses open:

- Use the app – scan QR codes wherever you go to keep a digital diary
- Enable Bluetooth tracing in the app
- Businesses display QR codes and make it easy for people to scan

These everyday actions can speed up contact tracing and keep us all safe

Your data is private, and you are in control. Read more about [NZ COVID Tracer privacy and security](#).

You can download NZ COVID Tracer from the Apple App Store or from Google Play. You don't need a New Zealand phone or a New Zealand Apple or Google account. You can download it from anywhere in the world.



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Guidance for businesses

There are financial support options available to businesses, including people who are self-employed, whose employees are awaiting a COVID-19 test or who are asked to self-isolate and are unable to work from home.

Please check the [Work and Income website](#) for up-to-date information about which option may be available.

Alert Level 4 Keeping safe and keeping well

At Alert Level 4 we need to be more vigilant in taking measures to keep safe and well.

- Regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly and regularly
- Wear a face mask when travelling in public transport and taxi's, shopping and visiting public spaces.
- Do not touch your face
- Stay home if you are sick
- Call Healthline if you suspect you have COVID-19 symptoms: **0800 358 5453**
- For any other COVID-19 related queries, contact the Government helpline **0800 779 997**
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have flu like symptoms – call your GP or Healthline
- Continue to seek primary medical care.
- Restrict or travel to the purchase of essential provisions and or medical care.
- Need to talk? Call or text **1737**
- Visit allright.org.nz for practical mental health and wellbeing advice
- Essential business enquiries essential@mbie.govt.nz or **0800 22 66 57**
- Report breaches of self-isolation 105.police.govt.nz

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