



TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

PANUI

21 HEPETEMA 2021

Tena tatou,

There were 14 new community cases reported today, including one in Whakafīwai.

One of the cases is a man who sneaked into North Shore Hospital to visit a patient. The hospital has been examined and 20 staff have been stood down for testing after encountering the man.

There are now a total of 1085 cases in this outbreak, including 790 who have recovered.

As Auckland prepares to move down an alert level at 11.59pm tonight residents in more Auckland suburbs are asked to get tested

Covid modeller Professor Michael Plank told TVNZ moving to level 3 was a calculated risk by the Government and it was really important people didn't take it as a signal that the virus had passed.

It is really hard to ring-fence the virus and stop it jumping into a new household and spreading within that household. There is a high probability that the Government could still eliminate the virus providing everyone did the right thing.

Director General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield said personal travel restrictions would remain very tight for Auckland residents under level 3. There would be eased restrictions for people going to funerals, but it will require an exemption from the Ministry of Health. These would only be offered in limited numbers and would only be given to immediate families.

Upper Hauraki is designated to be in level 4 lockdown until Friday following the discovery of four community cases in the area, which are all connected.

About 3,118,082 people have had their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and 1,644,597 their second dose.

Here in Tairāwhiti vaccination levels have dropped just below our target level. Maori vaccination rates sit at 51%, while the non-Maori/ non-Pacific rate is 64% and the Pacific is leading the way, with a 71% vaccination rate.

Toitu Tairāwhiti, iwi leaders, health providers and comms teams will be meeting on Wednesday 22 September to review, refresh and recalibrate our vaccination plans, with a specific focus on 20-35year olds.

National COVID Case Summary

New cases reported during the past 24 hours		15*
Active cases	At the border	31
	In the community	294
	Under investigation/other	0
	Total	325
Most recent case reported		21 September 2021
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)		21 September 2021

* There are 15 new cases. Two previously reported cases have been reclassified. This gives a total, net change of 13 cases.

All case outcomes since first New Zealand case		
COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total
Active	-85	325
Recovered	98	3743
Deceased	0	27

Case details

Number of active cases			
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present	Total since first NZ case
Confirmed	-84	325	3739
Probable	-1	0	356
Total	-85	325	4095

Iwi Update

Tairawhiti whanau, hapu, iwi and communities have been well served by the tireless efforts of Iwi Health Providers, Turanga Health and Ngati Porou Hauora. They are agile, scheduling clinics to meet the needs of whanau, locating clinics to provide maximum access, and going over and beyond, to ensure people's vaccination experience is as 'painless as possible'.

Toitu Tairawhiti will be launching our new website, which will feature our collective COVID responses and recovery plan, including the details of an inter-marae vaccination competition, new 'fresh faced' vaccination champions and nuanced messages that resonate with younger whanau members. The Toitu Tairawhiti website will provide a single portal to the latest information, video's, images, and updates from our 4 iwi, Ngati Porou, Te Aitanga a Mahaki, Rongowhakaata and Tamanuhiri. There will also be links to the websites and Facebook pages for each iwi.

While contributing to our collective iwi comms effort, individual iwi have also been busy enhancing their own iwi comms platforms, social media, ringing around their Kuru Pounamu and iwi members to improve outreach and influence.

An example of the work that iwi is doing to supplement and complement our collective, Toitu Tairawhiti platform is Whitiki Ngati Porou, a call to arms for Ngati Porou iwi members at home and those away from home.

WHITIKI NGATI POROU -A call to arms

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Ngati Porou Hauora are calling on iwi members to protect their whanau and community in new targeted COVID-19 vaccine promotions.

"Whitiki" - is the call to get ready - to be alert.

"It is the call to action that rallies the troops, and that's what we are doing," says Selwyn Parata, Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, Chair. "We can answer this call by baring arms- literally- by rolling up our sleeves and lining up to have our free COVID-19 shots." says Mr Parata.

Hapu and community leads within the Ngati Porou rohe have been reaching out to their networks and directly engaging with whanau living both at home and away.

"Don't be shy, peka mai ki to tatou Marae!" says Charlotte Gibson, Te Poho o Rawiri Marae spokesperson.

This is our call to arms – **Whitiki Ngati Porou!**"

Ngati Porou Hauora

Vaccination data as of 16 September

Community	Eligible Pop 12 yrs. and older up	% Enrolled Pop vaccinated	% of Enrolled Pop not Vax
Puhi Kaiti	3747	59%	41%
Uawa	916	55%	45%
Tokomaru Bay	401	61%	39%
Tawhiti	246	66%	34%
Ruatoria	1393	51%	49%
Te Araroa	805	51%	49%
Total	7508	58%	42%

Vaccinated Enrolled NPH Population Dose 2						
Community	12-15	16-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Total
Puhi Kaiti	1	65	144	292	220	722
Uawa	1	31	82	105	114	333
Tokomaru Bay	0	11	37	61	78	187
Tawhiti	0	9	18	36	45	108
Ruatoria	0	30	71	130	152	383
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TOTAL	2	182	416	722	703	2025

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Uawa	37	58	132	138	140	505
Tokomaru Bay	8	20	54	75	88	245
Tawhiti	9	19	27	54	54	163
Ruatoria	52	90	143	227	194	706
Te Araroa	26	62	94	117	101	400
TOTAL	246	488	892	1083	861	3570
Non-Vax Enrolled NPH Population						
Community	12-15	16-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Total
Puhi Kaiti	266	782	733	304	111	2196
Uawa	47	166	119	46	33	411
Tokomaru Bay	15	55	50	29	7	156
Tawhiti	6	25	27	19	6	83
Ruatoria	88	230	218	109	42	687
Te Araroa	55	120	106	61	33	405
TOTAL	477	1378	1253	568	229	3938

Declines						
Community	12-15	16-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Total
Puhi Kaiti						0
Uawa						0
Tokomaru Bay	1	6	4	6	4	21
Tawhiti	4	5	6	2	4	21
Ruatoria	10	1	4	1		16
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Puhi Kaiti Clinic

Te Poho o Rawiri Marae Mon 20th -Thurs 23 Sept

9.30am-6.30pm

Venue tbc

Fri 24 September

TBC

Turanga Health

Rural Clinics

Whatatutu - Mangatu Marae	Friday 24th September, 3pm-6pm	
Te Karaka - Rangatira Scout Hall	Saturday 25th September	11am - 4pm
Matawai - Community Hall	Thursday 30th September	3pm - 6pm
Manutuke - Ohako Marae	Saturday 2nd October	11am - 4pm
Waihirere - Parihimanihi Marae	Monday 4th October	3pm - 6pm
Waituhi - Pakowhai Marae	Thursday 7th October	3pm - 6pm
Waerenga o Kuri - Community Hall	Thursday 14th October	3pm - 6pm
Muriwai - Tamanuhiri Marae	Friday 15th October	3pm - 6pm

Turanga Health

Workplace Clinics - for employees and students

Ovation	Thursday 23 September	3pm – 7pm
Kaiaponi	Monday 27 th September	10am – 2pm
EIT Tairawhiti	Tuesday 28 th September	10am – 2pm

All vaccination clinics are open to all **whānau** 12 years and older. Children 12+ must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver to receive the vaccine.



HOROI O RINGARINGA

Funding boost for Māori health providers

The government announced an [extra \\$38 million](#) to ensure Māori health providers provide ongoing support to their communities in the Covid-19 response.

Associate Health Minister Peeni Henare says the money is on top of \$23m announced early this month to help with the response.

Henare says Māori are one of the most at-risk communities for Covid-19 and vaccination rates for Māori are behind the general population.

He says Māori health providers know their communities and need to be funded to work with them.

Regional Update

[No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairawhiti.](#)

The hot topics of conversation at the weekly Rau Tipu Rau Ora was the concern about the drop-off in the number of people getting vaccinated and the three University Students who breached AL4 travel rules, to travel to Gisborne and Te Karaka from Auckland on 8 September. Local Police were made aware of the students and are currently in the process of

Last week we only did 300 vaccine doses a day, notwithstanding the best efforts of our Health providers.

We are close to 43,000 vaccinations in Tairāwhiti, with the Pacific Island community leading with a 71% vaccination rate. Māori vaccination rate is 51% 20% below the Pacific rate and 23% below the Non-Māori, Non-Pacific community, which is 64%.

The 20 -35-year age group is proving to be the most challenging. Toitu Tairāwhiti iwi working with their Iwi Comms team, Health Providers and Radio Stations, have developed phase two of their communications plan, boasting new comms collateral, posters, videos, and new champions who will appeal to the under 35 age group.

Area Commander of Police, Sam Aperahama advised that local Police were doing their bit to increase vaccination rates with 90% of their staff, having received both vaccine doses.

Vaccination rollout progress in Tairāwhiti

We have completed: *

42,047	total doses
26,919	first doses
15,128	second doses

*Last updated 16 September 2021



Now that we have moved down to Alert Level 2, whānau appear to be managing better with significant reduction in the number of applications to MSD for emergency food, supplies and services. Last week a total of 409 applications for MSD covid related support.

One area of concern is the increase in the number of people on the unemployment benefit. Local Employers have been applying for the Wage Subsidy. Over 1,851 wage subsidy applications have been approved. The third round of Wage Subsidy kicked off last Friday

National Update

The 90% Project - NZ Herald campaign to vaccinate Kiwis, save lives and enjoy freedoms.
The 90% Project is an NZ Herald initiative that aims to reach all New Zealanders to get the word out about vaccination so we can save lives and restore freedoms.

THE 90% PROJECT

Eligible population: **4.21m**

New Zealand needs to get vaccinated now to beat Delta - and that's why the NZ Herald and NZME launched the 90% Project today. The campaign is presented by the NZ Herald, Newstalk ZB, Northern Advocate, Bay of Plenty Times, Rotorua Daily Post, Hawke's Bay Today, Whanganui Chronicle and NZME's community papers.

A very high vaccination rate is vital for us to make our population safe from serious disease, keep our hospitals running and gradually allow our economy and border to open up to the world again.

So NZME titles have joined forces to work for at least 90 per cent full vaccination against Covid-19 in our eligible population by Christmas.

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Over the next few weeks and months, the New Zealand Herald will provide information on why vaccination protects against Covid, how to get vaccinated yourself and how to help friends and whānau understand why they should do the same.

NZ Herald will conduct interviews with both political and community leaders. A big focus of the campaign will be to ensure that under-represented communities, including young people, Māori, and Pasifika, get the same high rates of protection as all New Zealanders.

At 90 per cent, hospital admissions would still rise, and people will still die from Covid, but these numbers would be much worse at lower rates of vaccination.

Vaccine data & statistics

As at 11:59pm on 20 September 2021

% = eligible people in New Zealand (those aged 12 and over)

39% are fully vaccinated	1,644,597 people
74% have had their first dose	3,118,082 people
79% are booked in, or vaccinated with at least one dose	3,316,845 people

Infringement fines increase

The Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern said much of New Zealand's success against Covid has been the good compliance by most people however a small number of people had been breaking the rules, including people who escaped from MIQ facilities.

However, once people started getting fined for doing this, it reduced the number of people who tried to break out of MIQ facilities, she said.

On-the-spot infringement notice fees were initially set at \$300 for individuals but that will increase to \$4000, and \$12,000 for companies.

Fines imposed by courts will increase to a maximum of \$12,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for companies.

Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said examples of infringement offences would include failure to wear a face-covering in places where it is mandatory.

Criminal offences could include travelling without permission or travelling for a purpose other than what was permitted, from an alert level 4 or 3 area to alert level 2.

The Prime Minister said the sheer magnitude of what happens when someone with Covid breaks the rules meant it was important to increase the fines to reflect this. She believes that the New Zealand public would support fines that reflected the seriousness of Covid rule breakers.

Funeral exemptions

People will be able to travel across a boundary at alert level 3 for tangi, funerals, attend to or visit a dying relative, or accompany a tūpāpaku or deceased person.

It will be for immediate family only and people will need to have a negative test result 72 hours before travelling over the boundary. An application will need evidence of support.

MIQ matters

More than [31,800 people tried to book the 3000 MIQ spots](#) made available yesterday when the pause on new bookings was lifted.

Smaller classroom sizes

From Wednesday morning, [schools have to reopen](#) for children under the age of 14 whose caregivers need to return to work and secondary schools can also seek permission to bring in small groups of older students.

Any secondary school students returning to the classroom under level 3 in Auckland will have to wear a mask indoors.

KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI