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PANUI

22 AKUHATA 2021

*Whakanuia te whanau
Noho i te ahuru o tou whanau
Me tiaki koe i a koe,
Poipoia a tatau tamariki mokopuna,
Tuohu ki to tatau Atua*

Tena tatou,

It has been heartening to see the numbers of whanau that have taken the opportunity to visit Vaccination centres across Tairāwhiti and throughout the country, over the weekend.

Although there are still a few naysayers in our community, being fully vaccinated gives you a high degree of protection against Delta infection, and an even higher degree of protection against severe illness, hospitalisation, and death.

Evidence currently shows the effectiveness of **two doses of the Pfizer vaccine against illness due to Delta infection is about 88% and the protection against hospitalisation due to Delta infection about 96%. However, no vaccine is 100% effective** so there is some chance that a vaccinated person may become infected with the Delta variant and may transmit the virus to other people.

Taking other precautions will remain important to continue to protect our communities. As well as vaccination, early detection of cases and swift contact tracing, as well as isolation of cases and contacts, will be critical due to the shorter incubation period of Delta.



The total number of community cases is currently 72. Locations of interest in Auckland, Wellington, Coromandel, and central north island are listed on the [contact tracing locations of interest](#) page. Please call Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) to register if you were potentially exposed and for advice on testing.

There is now a requirement for both those who have visited a location of interest during the relevant time, and their household contacts, to isolate at home and call Healthline for advice.



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New cases reported during the past 24 hours		24	
Active cases	At the border	44	
	In the community	72	
	Under investigation/other	0	
	Total	116	
Most recent case reported		22 August 2021	
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)		22 August 2021	
All case outcomes since first New Zealand case			
COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total	
Active	23	116	
Recovered	1	2874	
Deceased	0	26	
Number of active cases			
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present	Total since first NZ case
Confirmed	23	116	2660
Probable	0	0	356
Total	23	116	3016
Location of active cases			
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present	
In managed facilities	15	78	
In hospital	1	6	
At home or in self-isolation	1	11	
Not in isolation	0	0	
Other	6	21	



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Note: At current case levels, to protect privacy, only limited data will be provided about hospitalisations.

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	44
People in close contact with someone who caught COVID-19 while overseas	0	0
Caught COVID-19 from someone locally	5	22
Caught COVID-19 within NZ, but source is unknown	1	1
Under investigation	15	49

Iwi Update

A big mihi to our Ngati Porou Hauora, Turanga Health, Hauora Tairāwhiti, and local GP practices that worked tirelessly to try and make people's vaccination experience, stress-free, efficient, and welcoming.

We would also like to recognise the efforts of our whanaunga across Aotearoa who have mobilised to ensure our whanau living away from home are also able to be vaccinated. A special mention goes to our whanaunga at Te Whanau a Waipareira and Ngati Whatua o Orakei, who reached out to whanau in Tamaki to avail themselves of their vaccination clinics.

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

Turanga Health – Vaccination Clinics

Dates	Location	Time	Notes
Mon 23 August- Fri 27 August	Harriers Club 91 Innes Street (Elgin)	9am - 6pm	Clinic is for Health Workers & Essential Workers. No appointments required
Tues 24th August	Matawai – Community Hall	10am – 3pm	Walk-ins- No appointment required
Fri 27th Sat 28th August	Rangatira Scout Hall Te Karaka	10am-3pm 10am-3pm	Walk-ins No appointment required
Sun 29 August	Whatatutu - venue TBC	10am to 3pm	Walk-ins No appointment required
Tues 31st August	Parihimanihi Marae Waihirere	10am-6pm	Walk-ins No appointment required

Ngati Porou Hauora Vaccination Clinics

Dates	Location	Time	Notes
Mon 23 – Fri 27 August	Te Tini o Porou	9am – 6pm	No appointment required



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Regional Update

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

Gisborne Hospital under Alert Level 4.

There is no visiting Gisborne Hospital. Wi-Fi is available for people to connect with whanau virtually. Exceptions may be made on compassionate grounds – please check with the Charge Nurse before you come to the hospital to visit. Phone 06 869 0500.

One parent/caregiver can be with their child in the hospital at the discretion of the Charge Nurse.

Assume your planned (elective) surgery or hospital appointment has been postponed. Please do not turn up at the hospital. In rare cases it is not, you will be contacted by phone. Some appointments may be held virtually – over the phone or zoom).

If you need to attend Gisborne Hospital for Emergency Care or an urgent appointment, please enter through the Emergency Department entrance where you will be screened upon entry. All other entrances are closed to the public. Please be patient, use hand sanitiser on your way in and out and wear a face covering.

If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.

Hauora Tairāwhiti- Vaccination Clinics

From Monday 23 - 28 August all appointments scheduled for Community Vaccination Clinic are now held at Poutama Clinic behind Gisborne Hospital.

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

National Update

Protect yourself, your whanau, and your community

COVID-19 vaccination is **free** for everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand. You can get the vaccine if you're aged 12 or over – it doesn't matter what your visa or citizenship status

Booking your COVID vaccination appointment

- You can book a vaccine appointment by ringing the COVID Vaccination Healthline 8am–8pm, seven days a week.
- You can move or cancel an appointment after it has been made and you can book an appointment for someone else, if you have their permission.
- When you're eligible to book, you can also make an appointment for 12 to 15-year-olds in your care.

Testing for COVID-19

Healthline or your doctor will tell you what to do if you need to get tested. If you have symptoms and get tested, stay home until you have a negative test result.



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COVID-19 tests are free

If you are told to get a test, COVID-19 tests are free of charge. This is regardless of your citizenship, immigration status, nationality, or level of medical insurance coverage. You may need to pay for a test if it is to enter another country.

Getting a pre-departure COVID-19 test

If you are asked to pay for a COVID-19 test, please report it to your district health board or primary health organisation. You will not have to pay for your care if you test positive.

Personal information

You will need to provide contact details so that you can get your test results. You do not need to have an NHI number or ID to get tested. But it is helpful to have your NHI number with you when you get tested.

You can have a support person

You can ask someone to help you get to your test and be with you during your test. If you are very unwell and advised by your doctor or Healthline that you need to be assessed or tested at a hospital, you can ask someone to help you get there. If you need someone with you at the hospital, you or your support person should call ahead and discuss this with the doctor or nurse at the hospital.

If you do not have a visa

Everyone can get tested — you do not need to be a New Zealand citizen or resident. The test is still free, and you will not have to pay for care if you test positive. But you may need to pay for a test if it is to enter another country.

No information will be shared with Immigration New Zealand even if you test positive.

How testing works

- If you need to get a test for COVID-19, a sample is taken from you.
- There is more than one way to take a sample. The most common way is to swab the back of your nose. A swab is like a small cotton-bud but with a longer stick.
- For some people this is a tickle, others find it a bit uncomfortable.

Help protect healthcare workers when getting tested

If you get a test, we need your help to keep healthcare workers safe. That means continuing to cough and sneeze into your elbow and staying 2 metres away from other people wherever possible.

Follow any instructions you get, like turning up on time, calling ahead or waiting in your car.

The people testing you may wear protective equipment like gowns or face coverings. This is nothing to worry about, it helps protect them and everyone they are testing.

Getting the results

When you get a test, your health professional will tell you how and when to expect your results. Whether you test negative or positive, you will receive your results.



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If you test positive, the Ministry of Health and your local public health unit will call you to discuss your results. They will tell you what to do next.

What to expect if you test positive

Staying home and self-isolation

- Staying at home if you are sick is the best thing you can do to stop any future spread of COVID-19.
- If you are feeling unwell, it is critical you stay at home and recover.
- If you get a COVID-19 test, your health professional will tell you whether you need to self-isolate. If they tell you to self-isolate, you legally must do so immediately.
- Self-isolation means staying at home and taking common sense precautions to avoid close contact with those you live with.

Testing after vaccination

Even if you have had your vaccination, you should still get tested for COVID-19 if you develop symptoms or if you are subject to regular testing.

The vaccine is highly effective if people have both doses. Studies have shown that 95% of people who received both doses of the vaccine were protected against getting seriously ill. If you do get COVID-19, you are far less likely to fall seriously ill or spread the virus to others.

Research is still ongoing to determine whether a vaccinated person can still pass the virus to someone else. So, we must assume there is still risk of transmission.

Guidance for businesses

Who can go to the workplace?

At Alert Level 4, you must work from home. You can go to work at your workplace if you are employed by a business that is authorised to provide goods or services at Alert Level 4. This includes:

- retirement home and aged care workers
- supermarket workers
- service station attendants
- dairy owners and shop assistants who work in a dairy
- courier and delivery drivers
- first responders — for example paramedics
- healthcare workers, including those who work in a pharmacy
- taxi and ride-share drivers
- freight and transport workers
- veterinary service providers
- workers who provide essential care for animals
- hardware store workers
- funeral directors
- tradespeople — for example plumbers, builders, and electricians if they are carrying out urgent repair or maintenance
- mechanics carrying out urgent repairs



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- mental health, addiction, support, and social workers
- security service workers, including locksmiths
- cleaners working in an accommodation facility
- dairy farmers
- pest controllers
- horticulture workers
- anyone working in an accommodation facility

Not all businesses that operate at Alert Level 4 are allowed customers and clients in the workplace. Talk to your employer if you are unsure if you are an Alert Level 4 worker.

Follow these rules to keep everyone safe

- If your work involves interacting with customers or members of the public, you legally must wear a face covering while at work.
- Limit physical interaction with workmates and customers as much as possible.
- Keep track of where you have been by using the NZ COVID Tracer app.
- Wash and sanitise your hands often
- Stay home if you feel unwell. If you feel unwell at work, let your employer know so you can go home.
- Get the vaccine when you are offered one.
- If you are feeling worried or anxious about going into your workplace, talk to your employer.

When to stay home

If you are an Alert Level 4 worker, and you have been at a location of interest at the time and date specified, or you live with someone who has been at a location of interest, **you legally must stay home and follow public health guidelines. Do not go into work.**

People are encouraged to keep checking the locations of interest as they are updated regularly.

You should also stay home if you are unwell. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your GP or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) for advice on getting a COVID-19 test.

Keep checking locations of interest

If you are an Alert Level 4 worker, it is very important that you keep checking the locations of interest so you can isolate immediately if you visited them at the relevant times. This is to stop the spread of the virus further.

- Locations of interest are places where someone confirmed with COVID-19 has visited.
- You are a contact if you have been at a location of interest at the specified time.
- Check the locations of interest and follow the health advice of the Ministry of Health.

Travelling to work at Alert Level 4

If you are an Alert Level 4 worker and you are permitted to leave home to work. You can use public or private transport to get there.

You may be asked to show who you work for so you can prove you have a reason to travel. We recommend your employer provide you with a letter to confirm:

- your name



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- that you are providing an Alert Level 4 business or service, and
- your destination.

You legally must wear a face covering on all public transport, including at departure points such as train stations or bus stops.

Working from home

If you're working from home, your employer should:

- continue to pay you your normal pay
- support you to have all the equipment you need to work from home
- keep in regular contact with you
- make sure you have opportunities to stay connected with your workmates

Picking up equipment from your workplace to work from home

You can travel to your workplace to collect equipment to help you work from home. Make sure you check with your employer about the rules for entering the workplace premises.

When going into your workplace, you should:

- plan what you need so you limit your time on the premises
- safely physically distance from other people who may be in the workplace
- wear a face covering if possible
- scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app

Do not go into your workplace if you are unwell.

What financial support is available for businesses affected by the Alert Level 4?

There are various COVID-19 financial support schemes available to businesses under Alert Level 4, depending on their situation. Note that businesses can apply for the Resurgence Support Payment at the same time as the Wage Subsidy Scheme.

Wage Subsidy Scheme

Applications for the Wage Subsidy Scheme open nationally from 9am on Friday 20 August 2021, with applications initially open for two weeks. Employers can apply to contribute to the wages of their employees and people who, are self-employed, over the next two-week period. People can apply and find more detailed information on eligibility criteria, on the Work and Income website, The Wage Subsidy August 2021 is a payment to support employers, so they can continue to pay employees and protect jobs for businesses affected by the move to Alert Level 4 on 17 August 2021.

The Wage Subsidy will be available to eligible businesses, organisations and the self-employed impacted by the move to Alert Level 4 on 17 August 2021. To reflect higher wage costs since the scheme was first used in March 2020 the payments have been increased to:

- \$600 per week per full-time employee
- \$359 per week per part-time employee.

Resurgence Support Payment



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Applications for the alert level increase announced on 17 August will open at 8am on Tuesday 24 August 2021. You will be able to apply on the Inland Revenue website. The Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) is a payment to help support viable and ongoing businesses or organisations due to a COVID-19 alert level increase to level 2 or higher.

If a business or organisation is facing a reduction in revenue due to an alert level increase, they may be eligible for the RSP. A business or organisation must have experienced at least a 30% drop in revenue or a 30% decline in capital-raising ability over a 7-day period, due to the increased COVID-19 alert level (subject to all other criteria being met). This decrease in revenue or capital-raising ability is compared with a typical 7-day revenue period in the 6 weeks prior to the increase from Alert Level 1.

When the RSP is activated, eligible businesses and organisations can apply to receive the lesser of:

- \$1,500 plus \$400 per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee, up to a maximum of 50 FTEs
- four times (4x) the actual revenue decline experienced by the applicant.

Leave Support Scheme

If staff have been told by a health official to self-isolate and cannot work from home, Employers can apply for the COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme.

The COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme provides a payment to businesses to pay their workers who meet certain health criteria, e.g., they have COVID-19. This is also available to people who are self-employed. This support will be paid as a lump sum covering two weeks (people can reapply if required) of \$585.50 per week for full-time workers and \$350 per week for part-time workers.

From 24 August 2021, the payment will increase to \$600 per week for fulltime workers and \$359 per week for part-time workers. 15 You can apply for the Leave Support Scheme on the Work and Income website, [here](#).

What other support is available?

Other support includes Short-term Absence Payment, Small Business Cash Flow Loan Scheme and Tax and ACC support. Detailed information is available at MBIE's Business website

Record keeping

Recording keeping will become a requirement for people aged 12 and over at all Alert Levels at busy places and events so contact tracing can happen quickly and may help prevent Alert level shifts and future lockdowns. This requirement is for businesses and locations to take steps to ensure a record is kept

Why is this happening?

This will ensure at all Alert Levels that close-contact businesses and locations which are allowed to be open, and which are at higher-risk of transmission of COVID-19 occurring when there are cases in the community, have good systems in place enable people to record their visit. Good record keeping supports faster communication with those who are identified as contacts of a positive case.

When will this come into effect?



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Once we next change Alert Levels, mandatory record keeping will become a requirement one week later. This will give relevant businesses and locations adequate time to ensure they have systems and processes in place to ensure customers/visitors can record their visit.

Who is responsible?

The obligation to meet record keeping requirements sits with the person responsible for the business or location. This person is responsible for having systems and processes to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that a customer or visitor makes a record.

How is this different from current settings?

Currently the only record keeping requirement is for businesses in limited scenarios at Alert Level 3 to have systems and processes to ensure – as far as is reasonably practicable – that a record is kept, and for attendees at social gatherings at all Alert Levels.

Why does this apply to some businesses/locations, but not others?

Some businesses and locations, such as supermarkets, are not included in the new requirements as they may already have other measures in place, or it would be overly onerous. We want to ensure record keeping in locations where mask wearing is not practical, e.g., bars and restaurants, and at large events and gatherings of people. Experience here and abroad shows that these are the settings that prove the greatest challenge for contact tracers.

What do businesses, locations need to do?

Relevant businesses and locations will be responsible for having systems and processes in place to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that customers or visitors make a record. There will be guidance developed to support businesses to comply with the new requirements.

What does it mean to 'record a visit'?

This can be done by scanning QR codes with the COVID-19 Tracer App or making a manual record, either by providing details using the method available when at a business or location which may include writing your details down. You also can keep your manual record of where you have been and when, either in the COVID-19 Tracer App or by keeping a list elsewhere. Ideally you would keep a digital copy of this list to ensure you have a backup. If your business/location has controlled access or booking systems that meet the record-keeping requirements, that will also be sufficient.

What is the best way to record visits?

Using the COVID-19 Tracer app is best. This is particularly valuable for when contact tracing needs to occur as it provides accurate locations and timings for visits and helps speed up contact tracing efforts. Remember from now on, scan in wherever you go. Out and about? Before you walk through the door. Don't forget to scan in. It's a simple action that could make a massive difference.

Are people scanning in normally?

New Zealanders are scanning in, just not enough of us. This is one of the reasons we are strengthening our record-keeping requirements.

Do businesses and locations need to display QR codes for scanning?



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Yes, this is a legal requirement under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level Requirements) Order (No 9) 2021. There are some exemptions including public transport providers and transport terminals such as airports and bus stations.

How long do businesses need to keep a record of someone visiting them for?

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner provides guidance on how long businesses should keep the information in their COVID-19 guest register for and advises on methods on how to keep this information private e.g., using a ballot box to keep personal information secure and private. More guidance will become available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

Will my information be kept private?

If you are visiting somewhere and manually recording your visit, the businesses or location must comply with the Privacy Act 2020 and take reasonable steps to ensure your information is kept private and stored securely. Businesses and locations are advised to use methods like a ballot box to collect people's information for contact tracing purposes. This avoids other people from seeing it unlike on a list which includes multiple people's contact details.

What enforcement will be in place?

If a person responsible for a business or location has failed to meet record keeping requirements, they are committing an offence and may be liable to conviction and/or a fine not exceeding \$4,000 or term of imprisonment of up to 6 months. Failing to display a QR code will continue to be an infringement offence carrying an infringement fee of \$300 or court imposed fine not exceeding \$1,000.

What you need to do in Alert Level 4

At Alert Level 4, there are golden rules we all need to follow to keep ourselves and each other safe.

1. Stay within your immediate household bubble. Extended bubbles are allowed where there is shared care and custody arrangements or if you live alone. Once you go into a bubble you must stay in it and others cannot join.
2. If you feel unwell you must immediately self-isolate from others in your bubble and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 about getting tested.
3. Wear a face covering and keep 2m apart from other people at all times while in public. This includes when undertaking physical exercise in your neighbourhood, visiting the supermarket or pharmacy, service stations and other businesses, urgent medical care or getting a test.
4. Keep on scanning QR codes wherever you go.
5. Wash and sanitise hands often, especially when you've been outside your bubble.
6. See the United Against COVID-19 website for further information on what Alert Level 4 means for you

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