



TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

PANUI

26 OKETOPA 2021

"None of us are SAFE until all of us are SAFE"

Tena tatou,

There are 79 new community COVID-19 cases of COVID-19, 75 in Auckland and 4 in the Waikato. Forty-six cases are linked - including 24 household contacts - and 33 remain unlinked, with investigations continuing to help determine their connection to the outbreak.

Total number of community cases in current community outbreak, 2,759 broken down into 5 communities;

- Auckland 2,643 (1,506 of whom have recovered);
- Waikato 91 (25 of whom have recovered);
- Wellington 17 (all of whom have recovered);
- Northland 7 (active cases);
- Nelson/Marlborough 1 (active case)



Hospitalisations

There has been a decrease in hospitalisation from COVID-19 following a number of discharges over the weekend. This reflects some instances where individuals were identified as having COVID-19 when presenting for other issues and were admitted for a short period while their other issues were managed.

The average age of hospitalisations in the current outbreak is 45 years, however over the past fortnight the average age of hospitalisations is 38. This reflects a trend of younger hospitalisations overall, with only six percent of the 372 hospital admissions in this outbreak being amongst the 65 and over age group.

Northland update

There are no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Northland. However, people living in Northland are urged to remain vigilant and get tested if they have any symptoms that could be COVID-19. The Northland region remains at [Alert Level 2](#)

Auckland update

Auckland public health officials continue to urge residents of the North Shore suburbs of Redvale and Rosedale to get tested as soon as possible if they have even mild symptoms of COVID-19,

even if they are vaccinated. This follows high positivity rates of more than 6 percent in Redvale and 3.8 percent in Rosedale. This testing will help to provide assurance that any undetected spread of COVID-19 in these communities is identified as quickly as possible.

Waikato update

The four new cases of COVID-19 in Waikato today were all expected and linked and were in isolation throughout their infectious period. All new cases are in Te Awamutu/Kihikahi area and isolating currently at home with public health support.

This brings total cases for Waikato during this outbreak to 91, with six cases for which epidemiological links remain under investigation.

Waikato DHB is continuing to carry out testing throughout the region, to help determine any undetected community spread of COVID-19.

Nelson/Marlborough update

Interviews are continuing with the person recently identified in Blenheim who is currently isolating. The person's three close contacts, including two house household contacts, are due for further testing this week, following their initial negative test results over the weekend.

It is important to reiterate at this stage there have been no further COVID-19 cases reported in the region

People living in Tokoroa, Blenheim and Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough are asked to monitor the Ministry of Health's locations of interest page, which is regularly updated.

Seven Vaccine Facts

1. Over 10 million people around the world have died from COVID-19
2. As well as being deadly and highly contagious, the Delta virus can have serious long-term side effects called 'long covid'
3. Without the vaccine almost everyone will get the virus
4. Those infected with the virus who have not had the vaccine are at least 20 times more likely to get dangerously ill. This is even higher for Maori and Pacific Island People
5. Once administered the vaccine is cleared from the body within a few days leaving the body's defences strengthened to fight COVID-19
6. If vaccinated you are less likely to spread the virus to your whanau, friends, and workmates
7. The vaccine is FDA approved and safer than either the contraceptive pill or common pain relief such as paracetamol.

COVID -19 Summary		
New cases reported during the past 24 hours	80*	
Active cases	At the border	23
	In the community	1209
	Under investigation/other	0
	Total	1232
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)	26 October 2021	

* There are 80 new cases. 7 previously reported cases have been reclassified. This gives a total, net change of 73 cases.

All case outcomes since first New Zealand case		
COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total
Active	-24	1232
Recovered	97	4562
Deceased	0	28

Location of active cases		
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present
In managed facilities	-28	120
In hospital	1	31
At home or in self-isolation	11	163
Not in isolation	0	2
Other	-8	916

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	-10	23
People in close contact with someone who caught COVID-19 while overseas	0	0
Caught COVID-19 from someone locally	9	699
Caught COVID-19 within NZ, but source is unknown	1	15
Under investigation	-24	495

Iwi Update

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Vaccination Clinics

Venue	Dates	Time
Atkinson Street Reserve	Thursday 21st October	4pm-6pm
Leaderbrand (Workplace Only)	Tuesday 26 th October	4pm – 5.30pm
GBHS	Wednesday 27 th October	9am – 12pm
Manutuke School	Wednesday 27 th October	1pm – 2.30pm
Elgin Shops	Wednesday 27 th October	4pm – 6pm
Mary Street Reserve	Thursday 28 th October	4pm – 6pm
EIT	Thursday 28 th October	11am – 2pm
Gisborne Fisheries (Workplace Only)	Friday 29 th October	11am – 1pm
PB vs East Coast (Rugby Park)	Saturday 30 th October	12pm-5pm
Te Poho o Rawiri Marae (Drive Thru)	Sunday 31st October	10am-2pm
Te Poho o Rawiri Marae (Drive Thru)	Monday 1 st November	3pm – 6pm
Abbott Street Reserve	Tuesday 2 nd November	4pm – 6pm
Te Poho o Rawiri Marae (Drive Thru)	Tuesday 2 nd November	3pm – 6pm
Te Poho o Rawiri Marae (Drive Thru)	Wednesday 3 rd November	3pm – 6pm
Riversun (Workplace Only)	Wednesday 3 rd November	8.30am – 11am
Pultron	Thursday 4 th November	7am
Ovation (Workplace Only)	Thursday 4 th November	2pm – 5pm
Patutahi Drive thru	Sunday 7 th November	3pm – 6pm

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Vaccination Clinics

TOWN CLINICS		
Te Tini o Porou - 75 Huxley Road East Coast Clinics	Tuesday 26 Oct – Friday 29 Oct	2.00pm -7.00pm
Matakaoa Clinic - (06) 864 4801	Monday 18 October	10am - 6:30pm
Uawa Clinic - (06) 862 6650	Tuesday 26 October	10am - 6:30pm
Ruatoria Clinic (06) 864 8316	Wednesday 27 October	10am - 6:30pm
Tokomaru Clinic (06) 864 6803	Thursday 28 October	10am - 6:30pm
Te Puia Springs Clinic (06) 864 6803	Friday 29 October	10am - 6:30pm

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.

Regional Update

Still No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti.

A Regional Leadership Group under the umbrella of Rau Tipu Rau Ora has commenced work in pulling together a coordinated Tairāwhiti Vaccination Plan, outlined below is the preliminary work that has been undertaken in preparing the high level of the plan

Our mission

Our mission: 90% of eligible members of the community are vaccinated against COVID-19 by 28 November 2021.

We propose to run this response in three phases as outlined below:

Phase one (Data Collection and Planning)

- All groups to provide the collected data to Coordinator

- Coordinating group- will identify priority target areas of low vaccinations rates based on the information provided. A INTSUM and GIS products will be produced to disseminate to the collective groups to support their planning.
- Collective Groups will provide operational level plans to the coordination group (two templates will be provided "Operational Planning" and "Request for Resource") these will be sent out by lunchtime Tuesday 26th October
- Coordination Group will organise and provide further resourcing when a "request for Resource" is submitted.
- Collective groups will provide communication plans.

Phase two (Implementation)

This is the operational plans and the physical measures that are developed in Phase one will be implemented to vaccinate the community members. Further detail for phase two will be updated once the operational plans have been received by the collective groups. A draft Plan will be circulated by Friday the 29th of October.

Phase three (ongoing maintenance, resurgence planning)

Phase three will be the sustainment and maintenance of a vaccinated Tairawhiti once the required 90% of the population has been vaccinated. Once the 90% percent vaccination has been achieved the COVID-19 Protection Framework and traffic light alert level will be triggered.

Hauora Tairawhiti working with the Iwi Health Providers and the Regional Leadership Group are also working on a Regional COVID-19 Response Plan, that will outline the that is being done to prepare Tairawhiti for the inevitable arrival of COVID-19.

National Update

Workplace vaccinations

The Government released Information today on vaccination mandates for private businesses A law change is being introduced to provide a clear, risk-based assessment process for businesses regarding whether they can require vaccinations of staff.

The risk assessment will look at a variety of factors, including who staff interact with in their roles and how close their contact is with those people. This risk assessment will build on guidance provided by WorkSafe, with input from public health officials, business representatives and unions.

A new Government mandate will also require vaccination for all workers at businesses where customers need to show COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates, such as hospitality and close-contact businesses.

If people chose not to be vaccinated and their work requires it, a new four-week paid notice period will apply if they are terminated. Employers must give employees a reasonable chance to be vaccinated before the end of this notice period. Normal employment law also applies. These changes are intended to be in place by December.

Just under four and a half million dollars has been provided to WorkSafe to extend their current COVID-19 compliance work. The funding will allow WorkSafe to undertake more proactive work using a mix of education, engagement, and enforcement interventions.

Workers can choose whether they want to tell their employer if they are vaccinated. However, if they do not share this information, and they are doing work that requires vaccination, this could have employment consequences. This is because their employer can then treat them as unvaccinated. In these situations, employers must inform workers of this assumption, and what it would mean for a worker's employment.

Employers must consider options like redeployment before giving an employee notice of termination. However, there may be instances when there are no options for redeployment, and other options like taking leave or working from home are not realistic.

Agencies such as WorkSafe will enforce the Government mandates. For vaccination requirements imposed by employers, each employer will need to check whether their workers are vaccinated. MBIE's early resolution service and mediation service are available to assist with any issues that may arise in workplaces. For more information go to their website

If you need advice on vaccination requirements for employees, WorkSafe has published a set of guidelines on COVID-19 health and safety risk assessments and some businesses have done a risk assessment to require some or all of their workers to be vaccinated.

The timing of the mandatory vaccinations for workplaces will come into force when New Zealand moves to the COVID-19 Protection Framework. Government will continue to work through the detail with businesses and unions to ensure they get the balance right.

Employers will be required to provide paid leave/time off for workers to get vaccinated, which a number of employers have already been doing, and take additional steps to support employees, for example, by providing transportation to vaccination centres. This change will ensure all employees can get vaccinated during work hours.

The date for all health and disability sector workers to be vaccinated has changed and now all workers will need to have received their first vaccine dose by 15 November 2021 rather than 30 October as was originally advised.

Education update

Border COVID-19 testing requirements apply to staff who are permitted to travel across the Auckland boundary and will need to have evidence confirming that they have had a COVID-19 test, no more than seven days, before their journey.

Year 11-13 students living in a Level 2 area will be able to commute daily from L2 to L3 and back to attend high school in Auckland. Some Year 9 –10 students, who have a parent or caregiver who is working as an essential worker will also be able to commute daily from L2 to Level L3 and back to attend school in Auckland.

Day students crossing Alert Level boundaries to go to school will not be required to undertake regular testing. School transport services that cross alert level boundaries will resume full service from Tuesday 26 October 2021 but may be discontinued until further notice if they are not used.



Residential and specialist schools reopened to students in years 11-13 today and if parents have any questions, they should not hesitate to contact the school or the Ministry of Education for more information.

Exams will be going ahead for all New Zealand students this year. Students in both Alert Level 2 and 3 will be able to sit their NCEA and Scholarship exams. With Auckland, Waikato and Northland experiencing COVID-19 disruption in Term 4, NZQA has confirmed these students will be eligible for an Unexpected Event Grade, recognising the work they have done. While students will be expected to attend exams where possible, this long-established 'Unexpected Event Grade' process will reflect what happens in any year when a student's attendance or performance in exams is affected by an illness or injury. This grade is worked out based on their work throughout the school year.

Enhanced Business Support Package

Today the government announced a new business support package which will include;

- The doubling of the current Resurgence Support Payment rates up to \$43,000 per business and moving payments to a fortnightly interval. Currently the RSP is paid at a base rate of \$1500 per eligible business and \$400 for each full-time employee up to a total of \$21,500. For the payments starting on 12 November this will be \$3000 per business and \$800 per FTE (Full Time Employees) up to 50 FTEs. This will make the maximum fortnightly payment \$43,000
- The Wage Subsidy will continue to be available on the current criteria while areas of the country are still in Alert Level 3.
- \$60 million package for business advice and mental health support which will be made available to help Auckland businesses. Businesses will be able to apply for up to \$3000 worth of advice and planning support, and then receive up to \$4,000 to implement that advice through the established Regional Business Partners programme.
- As part of the package, \$10 million is available for mental health and wellbeing support through a programme to be designed with the EMA (Employers & Manufacturers Association) and Auckland Business Chamber of Commerce.

Support for low-income households

COVID-19 restrictions are adversely affecting low-income households. The Ministry of Social Development limits for Hardship Support have been temporarily lifted so more people can receive assistance. Currently a single person working 30 hours per week on the minimum wage is not eligible for hardship assistance from Work and Income.

Minister Sepuloni announced that from the 1st of November income limits for assistance lifts to 40 hours at the minimum wage, or \$800 per week and \$1600 per week for a couple with or without children.

The temporary income eligibility criteria will come into force from 1 November for four months. 28 February 2022 will be the last day the increased limits will apply.

The Government has bolstered support for those affected by the Delta outbreak with more than \$38 million allocated to support community organisations responding to needs in the community.

Māori communities COVID-19 fund

The fund will provide direct financial support to iwi and Māori organisations, to accelerate vaccination uptake over the next two months. Access to the funding for phase 1 activities will begin from 25 October through to the end of the year. Rapid vaccination uptake is the priority

The fund targets Māori and iwi community organisations. It is anticipated that groups already engaged in vaccination mobilisation and outreach activities through Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Health and Te Arawhiti will be interested in accessing further funding to maintain and build momentum and will work with them in the first instance. Other groups with funding proposals will be considered.

The Funding priorities are;

- Areas where Māori vaccination rates are low – currently Counties Manukau, Lakes District, Taranaki, Northland, Bay of Plenty and Tairāwhiti DHB areas, but these may change over time.
- rangatahi, whānau without permanent housing, tangata whaikaha, whānau who are not well-connected to health services and Māori with mental health and addiction conditions and whānau in rural and remote communities.

The funding can be used for Iwi and Māori community designed and implemented initiatives that complement the vaccination roll-out led by the Ministry of Health and local DHBs. The funding should help connect vaccinators with whānau and whānau with vaccinators. This includes funding for mobile services, communications, incentives, sites, workforce, events, IT etc.

Vaccination information

To provide greater clarity and certainty to employers navigating a vaccinated versus unvaccinated workforce, the Cabinet decided that vaccinations will be mandated for everyone who works in any workplace where a vaccine certificate is required for entry.



The extended COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order 2021 came into effect at 11.59pm on 25 October, requiring workers who face a high risk of exposure to COVID-19 and who work in the health and disability sectors or in prisons to be fully vaccinated.

The Health and Disability sectors include; General Practitioners, pharmacists, community health nurses, midwives, paramedics, and healthcare and disability workers in facilities where vulnerable patients are treated (including ICU).

It also covers many workers doing non-regulated healthcare work, for example providers in aged residential care and workers who enter homes to provide community support services. This Order also includes Corrections workers.

Vaccination target for activating the Traffic lights

Every District Health Board will need to fully vaccinate 90% of their eligible population having received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine before a change to the new framework.

90% is a milestone not an end point. The more eligible New Zealanders who get vaccinated the safer everyone is. Auckland will be able to move sooner. This plan provides a clear path for Auckland to move out of lockdown as soon as 90 percent fully vaccinated is reached in each of the city's three DHBs

Vaccination Update

	Total	1st Dose	2 nd Dose/fully vaccinated
Vaccines administered to date (total)	6,634,258	3,646,869 (87%);	2,987,389 (71%)
Vaccines administered yesterday (total)	10,660.	3,492;	7,168
Maori People		394,513 (69%);	277,596 (49%)
Pacific Peoples		238,227 (83%);	185,272 (65%)
Vaccines administered to Auckland residents		1,293,840 (90%);	1,102,275 (77%)

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