



TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

PANUI

29 HEPETEMA 2021

Ko te wero arai i te mate Covid-19 te arai matua mo tātou, kihai hoki tenei mate e turakina mā te wero arai anake, ēngari ia he whakangungu rākau mo tātou i nga weriweri kino o tenei mate. Mā reira hoki e pai ai tā tātou tiaki i nga mea e ngakaunui ana e tātou.

Tena tatou,

Forty-five new community Covid cases were reported today, causing consternation across the country. However, Aucklanders' hopeful for an alert level drop were reassured by Health Officials that the number was expected, and people should not be too alarmed.

This is the highest daily count since September 2 and the largest number of cases we have had with fewer than 20 cases, in the past six days, Covid Response Minister Chris Hipkins reiterated that the number of cases wasn't the number one concern, but the nature and characteristics.

Director General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield elaborated stating that the numbers perse were not a matter for alarm, as 33 of the 45 cases are either household or close contacts of previously reported cases, and more importantly – many of them have already been isolating at home or in a managed isolation facility.

Of those 33 cases, 26 are household contacts and 12 come from just two households alone. Dr Bloomfield said, "many of these cases were expected". The Director General of Health said on Monday that there were between 45 and 50 cases likely to arise and 33 of them are now accounted for, meaning there are only about 15 household or close contact cases left to come through from existing positive cases.

The more concerning number is the 12 community cases from today's total that aren't linked to households or a known contact. Although officials are saying that six of the 12 community cases already have potential links based on interviews conducted so far.

University of Canterbury Professor Michael Plank says the move a week ago to Alert Level 3 in Auckland is now starting to rear its head. He said, "given the incubation period of the virus, this is the first time we would expect to see the effect of the alert level change in case numbers,

The main concern for Professor Plank is the 12 cases yet to be linked and the possibility they've been infectious in the community or back in workplaces at Level 3, which would make the outbreak harder to contain.

"Level 3 may be enough to keep the outbreak in check, but that could mean Auckland is stuck in Level 3 for a long time until a lot more people have been able to get their second dose," said Professor Plank. We need to get people vaccinated and we need as many people as possible vaccinated.

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

National COVID Case Summary

Number of new community cases	45
Number of new cases identified at the border	No cases
Location of new community cases	Auckland
Location of community cases (total) and recovery rates	Auckland (including 4 cases in Upper Hauraki) 1,213 (969 have recovered); Wellington 17 (all have recovered)
Number of community cases (total)	1,230 (in the current community outbreak)
Cases infectious in the community	4 (50%) of yesterday's cases have exposure events
Cases in isolation throughout the period they were infectious	4 (50 %) of yesterday's cases
Cases epidemiologically linked	33 of today's 45 cases are linked. Of these 26 are household contacts.
Cases to be epidemiologically linked	Twelve of today's 45 cases. Investigations are continuing to determine a link.
Cases in hospital	16 (total)
Cases in ICU or HDU	3
Confirmed cases (total)*	3,892 since pandemic began.
Tests	
Number of tests (total)	3,361,927
Number of tests processed (total last 24 hours)	15,437
Tests processed in Auckland (last 24 hours)	8,537
Tests rolling average (last 7 days)	13,438
Testing centres in Auckland	21
Wastewater	
Wastewater detections	There are no unexpected new wastewater detections. Awaiting further results following the positive detection in Tauranga reported on Tuesday.
COVID-19 vaccine update	
Vaccines administered to date (total)	5,132,627 ; 1 st doses: 3,266,796 ; 2 nd doses: 1,865,831
Vaccines administered yesterday (total)	44,649 1 st doses: 13,519; 2 nd doses: 31,130
Maori	1 st doses: 314,427; 2 nd doses: 163,804
Pacific Peoples	1 st doses: 203,198; 2 nd doses: 114,733
Vaccines administered to Auckland residents to date (total)	1,868,161; 1 st doses: 1,185,737 (83%); 2 nd doses: 682,424 (48%)
Vaccines administered to Auckland residents yesterday (total)	14,376; 1 st doses: 3,884; 2 nd doses: 10,492
NZ COVID-19 tracer	
Registered users (total)	3,259,983
Poster scans (total)	392,744,620
Manual diary entries (total)	17,213,554
Poster scans in 24 hours to midday yesterday	2,358,889

Iwi Update

Te Hauora o Turanganui a Kiwa Ltd Turanga Health



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, COVID-19 VACCINATION, KAUPAPA MĀORI

COVID-19 Vaccination

- Anyone currently eligible can access
- No appointment required
- Walk in



Have your Covid shot without a trip to town

Rural Vaccination Clinics

Venue	Dates	Time
Matawai- Community Hall	Thursday 30 September	3pm - 6pm
Manutuke Hall – Drive thru	Saturday 2nd October	11am - 2pm
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

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step you can take to protect yourself, your kaumatua and whānau from the effects of the virus. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccines and eligibility visit [Ministry of Health - COVID-19 vaccines](#)

If you are getting a flu, MMR, or other vaccine, it will affect timing of the COVID-19 vaccination. Please discuss with your health provider.

Ngati Porou Hauora



UPCOMING NGATI POROU HAUORA VACCINATION CLINICS

TE TINI O POROU

CORNER HUXLEY & TYNDALL RDS, TURANGA

9.30am-6.30pm

Monday 27 Sept - Friday 1 Oct

**NEED HELP
WITH
TRANSPORT?
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021 963 044**

Walk ins welcome!
No appointment needed.
Bring the whanau.



Hauora
Tairāwhiti



Whitiki Ngati Porou!
A call to arms!

Vaccinate now!

#whitikingatiporou



Regional Update

No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti.

Hauora Tairāwhiti Covid-19 Community Vaccination Centres

COVID-19 Vaccination

- Anyone currently eligible can access
- Make an appointment
- No appointment required
- Walk in

If you meet the current criteria, book your vaccination now by calling 0800 28 29 26, 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week. 295 Palmerston Road, Gisborne

This clinic is for BOOKED appointments and Walk-ins. No appointment necessary.

We can vaccinate children aged 12+ when they come with a parent or caregiver.

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[Book a COVID-19 vaccination](https://bookmyvaccine.nz)

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Taking it to the streets

Iwi health Providers and Hauora Tairāwhiti are considering street by street vaccinations, a bus and more mass vax events to address the lower vaccination rates among Māori in Tairāwhiti.

“We are once again working closely with our partners to tackle how we will get access to vaccination for those who cannot get to our fixed clinic sites,” planning and funding group manager Nicola Ehau, said.

Iwi, Iwi Health Providers and Hauora Tairāwhiti have the ability to identify specific areas and even down to streets where vaccination uptake is low at present and that is where we will target our efforts over the next few weeks.

Health Providers will establish vaccination clinics at fixed sites and mobile bus, vaccination clinics

The Gisborne District Council and its transport provider Go Bus is offering free bus travel on scheduled services to help residents get to their Covid-19 vaccination appointments.

It is part of a combined effort to boost vaccination attendance across the region, and support those who rely on public transport for travel.

To use the Go bus, free pass you must show your vaccination booking confirmation — either a letter, email, or text on your cell phone — to the bus driver.

This free travel is on offer until the end of the year

National Update

Yesterday, it was announced that the majority of routine vaccinations can now be administered before, after, or at the same time as your COVID-19 vaccinations. The COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group has advised that there are no additional safety concerns to offering the majority of other vaccinations around the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine, beyond each vaccine's individual safety profile.

The exception to this is the Zostavax (shingles) vaccine where a 7-day gap before or after receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 is advised. This change will help ensure that routine immunisation programmes (such as MMR and HPV) can continue without disruption as we progress our COVID-19 vaccine roll out.

The recommended standard six-week gap between dose 1 and 2 of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination remains. You can view the recommended routine vaccinations on the [New Zealand Immunisation Schedule](#).



Vaccination approach for people in emergency and transitional housing

People living in emergency or transitional housing have been forthcoming about getting tested, but that has required, in some cases, "a different approach to engage and follow up".

As a result of the latest outbreak, Covid testers will be going directly to these areas to swab and will then return at a later date and follow up with offers to vaccinate,

It's unclear what percentage of people living in emergency housing are vaccinated to date, but more work needs to be done there. The Prime Minister said, "We have had vaccination programmes, using our social housing providers, going through for instance our rough sleeping community and going through those communities where people are more transient."

District Health Boards have had rollout plans for those in emergency and transitional housing in larger metropolitan cities, for people living in dense types of social housing, a high vaccination rate is particularly important.

Doctor Rawiri Jansen, clinical director of the National Hauora Coalition, has warned Covid's Delta variant has now reached communities that are "made vulnerable by poverty and housing overcrowding" "These communities have the most exposure to Covid because they are overloaded, have less income and have been historically poorly served by health and social sectors and have many low paid essential workers who cannot work from home.

"Outbreaks in these communities will require extra effort, extra resources and service providers who are culturally concordant."

Latest Vaccination Rates Summary

Vaccinations by Ethnicity as at end of 28/09/21	First Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage Vaccinated First Dose	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	HSU Population
Asian	561,132	325,110	93.7%	54.3%	598,618
European or other	2,157,213	1,245,825	79.0%	45.6%	2,730,829
Māori	314,427	163,804	55.1%	28.7%	571,052
Pasifika	203,198	114,733	70.9%	40.0%	286,681
Unknown	30,826	16,359	139.7%		

Māori Vaccinations by DHB of Residence (Grouped) as at end of 28/09/21	First Dose 27/09/21	Fully Vaccinated 27/09/21	First Dose 28/09/21	Fully Vaccinated 28/09/21	Total Vaccinations Up / Down on Previous Day	Total First Dose	Total Fully Vaccinated	% People First Dose	% Fully Vaccinated
Auckland	504	709	525	794	Up 106	80,363	41,635	60.7%	31.4%
Bay of Plenty	190	146	217	190	Up 71	23,102	11,435	48.4%	24.0%
Canterbury	168	132	222	252	Up 174	21,231	10,563	57.4%	28.6%
Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley	105	232	159	313	Up 135	29,564	14,463	64.1%	31.4%
Hawke's Bay	44	118	62	147	Up 47	17,876	9,675	52.5%	28.4%
Lakes	107	81	115	156	Up 83	14,665	8,274	48.7%	27.5%
MidCentral	65	82	66	98	Up 17	13,332	6,800	55.0%	28.1%
Nelson Marlborough	20	29	16	34	Up 1	6,484	3,654	57.6%	32.5%
Northland	121	208	151	283	Up 105	24,552	12,759	48.6%	25.3%
Overseas and undefined	1	1	1	2	Up 1	124	65	-	-
South Canterbury	3	1	26	39	Up 62	1,953	1,041	57.0%	30.4%
Southern	49	156	62	137	Down 6	14,658	8,316	62.0%	35.2%
Tairāwhiti	41	101	31	74	Down 37	10,657	5,779	53.7%	29.1%
Taranaki	56	47	85	101	Up 83	7,632	3,381	48.0%	21.3%
Waikato	131	273	211	331	Up 138	36,361	19,223	52.2%	27.6%
Wairarapa	15	35	22	31	Up 3	3,361	1,899	53.3%	30.1%
West Coast	2	-	7	4	Up 9	1,560	782	56.4%	28.3%
Whanganui	13	40	43	70	Up 60	6,952	4,060	51.5%	30.0%
Total	1,635	2,391	2,021	3,056	Up 1051	314,427	163,804	55.1%	28.7%

Māori Vaccinations by Age Band as at end of 28/09/21	First Dose	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage Vaccinated First Dose	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	No First Dose	Not Fully Vaccinated	HSU Population
12 to 34	118,747	36,274	41.1%	12.5%	170,354	252,827	289,101

35 to 44	43,561	19,024	53.1%	23.2%	38,461	62,998	82,022
45 to 54	54,663	30,258	66.0%	36.5%	28,194	52,599	82,857
55 to 64	53,236	39,719	78.5%	58.6%	14,546	28,063	67,782
65 and over	44,220	38,529	89.7%	78.2%	5,070	10,761	49,290
Total	314,427	163,804	55.1%	28.7%	256,625	407,248	571,052

Self-isolation pilot

The self-isolation pilot, which is part of Government's plan to reconnect New Zealanders to the world, will run from 30 October to the 8 December 2021. Self-isolation is an alternative safe entry pathway for vaccinated travellers who have been visiting low-risk COVID-19 countries.

The Self-Isolation Pilot will test some of the systems and processes needed to roll out self-isolation more widely, allowing more people to visit and return to New Zealand without the requirement to enter MIQ.

Who is eligible to take part in the pilot?

The pilot is for up to 150 participants and is aimed at business travellers who must have a requirement to travel internationally for business purposes (this includes sole traders), arriving back in Christchurch or Auckland from 30 October to 8 December 2021.

Participants are required to be New Zealand citizens or holders of a resident visa with a right to re-enter New Zealand, be fully vaccinated in New Zealand with the Pfizer vaccine, and not travel to, or through very high-risk countries. Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, and Vanuatu are not included as part of this trial, as one-way Quarantine-Free Travel from these countries to New Zealand will start in October.

How do people get involved with the pilot?

Expressions of Interest (EOI) will open from 9am on Thursday 30 September. Employers will need to submit an EOI on behalf of their employees. All eligible EOIs will be put into a ballot and spread across the six-week arrival timeframe.

If their EOI is accepted for the pilot, a self-isolation plan must be supplied. Applicants will be advised by Friday 15 October if they have been selected to participate in the pilot. Participants or employers will need to pay for their own accommodation, if rental property is being used, their food and other personal costs.

A fee of \$1,000 (incl. GST) per participant will also be payable for transport and other associated pilot costs. If participants need to enter MIQ because they fail to comply with self-isolation protocols, they will be liable for MIQ fees.

What does self-isolation look like?

When in self-isolation, participants must remain in their place of self-isolation for at least 14 days. They will not be allowed to leave the property at any time and must isolate alone or with others from the same travelling party.

They cannot isolate with family or any other household members and must not allow any visitors to enter the premises, aside from medical staff for testing purposes and emergency or other essential services if required (e.g., fire, ambulance, police, tradespeople for urgent repairs),

They must provide their own food and supplies (contactless deliveries are allowed), comply with all testing requirements set out by the Ministry of Health and comply with all monitoring requirements, which could include a smartphone app and/or regular and random phone-based checks.

The key dates for the pilot are;

- Thursday 30 September when its launched – EOI opens –
- Saturday 9 October 5pm EOI opens
- Friday 15 October EOI closes and applicants who have been selected for the pilot will be advised by this date.
- Saturday 30 October – Wednesday 8 December – NZ arrival dates for participant
- Wednesday 22 December – the final date participants finish self-isolation (after completing 14 days).

Final approval is subject to participants providing verification information and a self-isolation plan.

Border worker testing and vaccinations

All border workers must have at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination by 11.59pm Thursday 30 September. As of today, 98% of the active border workforce had, received at least one dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, and 93% are fully vaccinated.

The Government reminded anyone who works at the border, but is yet to be vaccinated, that they now have until midnight Thursday 30 September to get their first vaccination if they wish to continue to work at the border. Over the past 10 weeks, vaccination rates for active border workers across all sectors have climbed. This is testament to the hard work of the air and maritime sectors, employers, unions, DHBs, resident experts and border workers themselves for their work in this space.

All Government employed border and MIQ workers are now vaccinated, and this week's deadline will bring private employers in as well. This is a significant step towards protecting New Zealanders from COVID-19 now and into the future.

Workers at the New Zealand border face higher risks of exposure to COVID-19 than most other workers. Regular testing is part of the government's rapid response to detect any cases so they can eliminate COVID-19. It protects the health of workers, their whānau and the wider community.

Border workers at managed isolation and quarantine facilities, airports and seaports are required to have routine testing for COVID-19 under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order 2020.

Changes to QR scanning code requirements

The Government introduced some changes to the Alert Level Order yesterday, Tuesday 28 September. to improve ease of access to QR codes for customers visiting a business or public facility. The changes that have been agreed to are;

- people in control of workplaces must now ensure that: Additional copies of a QR code poster are displayed, in places other than just in the entranceway. (This is in addition to copies already required to be displayed at or near the main entrance of a workplace).
- QR code posters will now be required to be in good condition.
- The QR code must not be altered in a way that makes it unclear that it has been issued by the NZ Government for the purposes of contact tracing (meaning workplaces should use the official COVID-19 QR code poster, or at least ensure there is information on their poster advising this is a Govt requirement).
- Public transport operators must also display additional copies of QR codes. This is in addition to the existing requirement to display a copy in a prominent place on or inside any vehicle (vehicles with 5 or fewer seats - taxis/ride shares - are exempt as are aircraft).
- These new requirements come into force on 11.59pm 5 October

Vaccine misinformation- targets Teenagers

Teenagers are the target of misinformation and false claims about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine. The claims of teenage deaths caused by the vaccine are *untrue* and put people at risk from severe illness or hospitalisation and may limit the possibilities of what they want to do in future.

There have been no teenage deaths in New Zealand reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) that are considered related to getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect people from the virus. The Pfizer vaccine has a good safety record and has proven to be effective after millions of doses have been administered worldwide.

Reliable resources for information on COVID-19 and the vaccine include Unite Against COVID-19, Ministry of Health, Karawhiua, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, and District Health Boards, health providers and GPs.

If people come across any misinformation on social media, they are urged to report it to the channel it appears on. Misinformation can also be reported to CERT NZ: www.cert.govt.nz, or call them on 0800 2378 6

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