



# TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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

## PANUI

### 3 HEPETEMA 2021

*Stay Safe, Be Kind and Care for your Whanau.*

Tena tatou,

The 28 new COVID cases recorded today is the lowest number of new cases over the past 12 days, a positive sign indicating we are breaking the chains of the Delta variant transmission. Vaccine rates across the country have been promising, as is the case with Tairāwhiti,

The Tairāwhiti DHB, Māori vaccination rates are the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the country, which is commendable given our high Māori population and large cohort of rangatahi, 12 -20 yr. old's. The DHB's data also indicates that the gap between the vaccination of Māori and Non-Māori, excluding Pasifika is too great and we need to recalibrate our efforts, to close that gap. On another note, it is pleasing to see the high rates of Pasifika people in our community.

To lift our vaccination rates, we need to get our rangatahi on board, informed and motivated. Our young people have an innate suspicion of the system and are more inclined to listen to their peers, 'trusted' members of their whanau, or a person that they respect. We need to engage champions, provide information to support them make informed decisions and use the networked, real-time social media platforms that they are tuned into.

One of the key messages that we can share with our young people is the very real, invasive, and deadly threat that COVID poses to us all, here in Aotearoa and across the globe. The data below is evidence of the devastation that COVID has caused and a sobering portent of the devastation it can still cause. Vaccination is one of our best lines of defence, it will not eradicate the virus, but it will give us the best protection against its most deadly consequence. It will help us to protect our loved ones, the vulnerable and future generations.

#### The benefits of the COVID Vaccination

- Prevent you from getting COVID-19 or from becoming seriously ill or dying due to COVID-19
- Prevent you from spreading the COVID-19 virus to others
- Add to the number of people in the community who are protected from getting COVID-19 — making it harder for the disease to spread and contributing to herd immunity.
- Prevent the COVID-19 virus from spreading and replicating, which allows it to mutate and possibly become more resistant to vaccines

#### Perspective

Global COVID Data – sourced from WHO

- [Confirmed cases of COVID-19](#) 218,205,951 2 September 2021
- [Deaths](#), 4,526,583 2 September 2021
- [Vaccine doses that have been administered.](#) 5,289,724,918 31 August 2021

Aotearoa COVID Data sourced from MoH

- [Confirmed cases since first NZ case](#) 3,372 3 September 2021
- [Deaths](#) 26 3 September 2021
- [vaccine doses that have been administered](#) 3,593,746 1 September 2021

COVID Cases for Friday 3 September.

Summary		
New cases reported during the past 24 hours		32
Active cases	At the border	24
	In the community	731
	Under investigation/other	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>
Most recent case reported		03 September 2021
Most recent case reported due to community transmission (spread within our communities)		03 September 2021
All case outcomes since first New Zealand case		
COVID-19 cases	Change in last 24 hours	Total
Active	-15	755
Recovered	47	2948
Deceased	0	26

Case detail

Number of active cases			
	Change in last 24 hours	Total at present	Total since first NZ case
Confirmed	-15	754	3372
Probable	0	1	357
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>3729</b>

Vaccinations administered in NZ as of 1 September 2021

- 1,239,351 (29.1 percent) First dose administered
- 2,354,395 (55.4 percent) Second dose administered
- 84.51 doses per 100 people

*“Maui Nation promoting Immunity Communities”*

## Iwi Update.

### Pataka Ika

Fresh Tarakihi was on the menu for Kuru Pounamu yesterday, thanks to the combined efforts of Ngati Porou Seafoods, Iwi management, staff, and the voluntary efforts of our 17 hapu/hapori hubs across Tairāwhiti. Four tonnes of fish were delivered to homes from Wharerata, to Te Karaka and Potaka to the north, as well as suburbs in Turanga. Nga mihi ki a koutou nga kaiwhakahaere me nga kaimahi.

### Vaccination Clinics

Ngati Porou Hauora and Turanga Health are working overtime to ensure peoples vaccination is as seamless and painless as possible, both teams have adjusted clinic hours to meet the demands of workers and school students, providing food, implementing paperless systems for recording information and data, and having frontlines of engaging and friendly staff.

Turanga Health has initiated discussions with a local high school to investigate the location of a vaccination clinic in the school.

### Ngati Porou Hauora

Walk ins welcome! You can also call for an appointment on (06) 864 6803 or call any of the rural clinics directly

Date	Time	Venue	Phone
<b>Mon 6 Sept</b>	9.00am- 12:30pm 2.00pm-5:30pm	Matakoa Clinic	(06) 864 4801
<b>Tue 7 Sept</b>		Uawa Clinic	(06) 862 6650
<b>Wed 8 Sept</b>		Ruatoria Clinic	(06) 864 8316
<b>Thu 9 Sept</b>		Tokomaru Senior Citizens	(06) 864 6803
<b>Fri 10 Sept</b>		Te Puia Springs Hospital	(06) 864 6803
<b>Mon 6 - Fri 10 Sept</b>	2.00pm-7.30pm	TE TINI O POROU Corner Huxley & Tyndall Rds., Turanga	
<b>Sat 11 &amp; Sun 12 Sept</b>	10.00am-5.00pm	TE TINI O POROU Corner Huxley & Tyndall Rds., Turanga	

**Please note change in clinic times Need help with transport, Call or TXT 021 963 044**

Te Hauora o Tūrangānui a Kiwa Ltd

**Turanga Health**



### Turanga Hauora

Venue	Dates	Time
Drive -Through Harry Barker Reserve	Weekdays from 1 September	10am-4pm
Waerenga o Kuri - Community Hall	Thursday 2nd September	10am-3pm
Manutuke - Whakato Marae	Friday 3 & Saturday 4 September	10am-3pm
Waituhi - Pakowhai Marae	Tuesday 7 September	10am-3pm
Muriwai - Tamanuhiri Marae	Friday 10 September	10am-3pm

## Regional Update

No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tairāwhiti.

### Hauora Tairāwhiti

Latest coverage Data for those Domiciled within Tairāwhiti for period to 3 September 2021. Positive news is that MoH have agreed to provide coverage data at community level to enable targeted coverage hoping to have first download next week.

Please note this is coverage based on Tairāwhiti Residents and will be slightly different to given within Tairāwhiti. As of end 1 September **36,842** have been given within Tairāwhiti

### Rates per 1,000 by age and ethnicity Tairāwhiti and National

Comparison of rates by ethnicity	Māori		Pacific Peoples		Non-Māori Non-Pacific		All	
	Tairāwhiti	NZ	Tairāwhiti	NZ	Tairāwhiti	NZ	Tairāwhiti	NZ
# first dose per 1000 population	449	377	610	484	680	597	569	559
DHB Rank (highest to lowest) /% difference to NZ	4	+ 19%	4	+ 26%	2	+ 14%	10	+ 1.8%
# fully vaccinated per 1000 population	219	194	330	264	392	314	309	294
DHB Rank (highest to lowest) /% difference to NZ	5	+ 13%	4	+ 25%	4	+ 25%	12	+ 5.1%

Note The %ages that have been shaded is the percentage that the Tairāwhiti is higher than the national rate for the similar cohort. For example, for Māori with 1 dose Tairāwhiti has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest rate across the 20 DHB and Tairāwhiti rate is 19% higher than NZ rate

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

Getting  
**vaccinated**  
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## Tairawhiti Trust Business Survey closes on Monday.

The Tairawhiti Trust's Business Survey was sent out to over 1,000 local businesses. The survey CLOSES ON MONDAY, 6 September. If you want to inform and influence the Trust's COVID response priorities, work programs and investment, make sure you

**HAVE YOUR SAY AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY.**



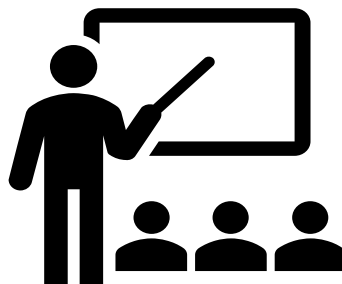
## Use of schools as vaccination sites

In general schools are not part of the DHB led vaccination programme. This is because for 12 to 15-year-olds it is more convenient for them to go with their families.

Schools may be approached by local health providers to act as vaccination sites. This is a decision for the board. It can be quite polarising to offer schools sites for COVID-19 vaccinations, even when schools have been part of other vaccination programmes. Boards need to determine whether they feel that it is the best interests of their school community to make their school available or not.

Local Health Providers would need to be assured that, if schools are functioning (for example, at lower Alert Levels) that there is the space to ensure a safe vaccination offering.

If a school and health provider agree that the school will be used as a vaccination site, they are joint PCBU – schools boards for the health and safety of people on the school site and Ministry of Health/the Health provider for the health and safety in relation to vaccine logistics and delivery. Please contact your Education Director if you have any questions.



# National Update

## Funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 3

At Alert Level 3, up to 10 people can attend a funeral, tangihanga or burial. The 10-person limit includes kaikaranga, kaikōrero, members of the clergy or staff who are attending.

Formal tangihanga involving large gatherings cannot take place at Alert Level 3. Families and communities must not carry out funerals themselves.

You can go to view the tūpapaku — the person who has died — by appointment with the funeral director. Up to 10 people can view the body, but the 10-person limit includes staff who are attending. Other whānau can view the body by appointment, but only in their household bubbles, and with the 10-person limit. Your funeral director will work with you to make sure viewings are carried out in a safe way.

Funeral directors can continue working at Alert Level 3. Talk with your funeral director about specific arrangements — they can guide you on the best options for your situation, which may include livestreaming or video so others can take part in the service remotely.

No food or drink can be served at a funeral or tangihanga.

If you are attending a funeral or tangihanga, we recommend you:

- keep 2 metres away from people you do not live with
- avoiding physical contact, including harirū, hongī, kissing, and hugging
- wear a face covering.

### Viewing of tūpapaku

2 whānau members from the same bubble as the deceased are allowed to dress their loved one — this must be carried out in the presence of an embalmer or funeral director.

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Everyone attending a viewing must wear a face covering.

### Contact tracing

Funeral directors legally must keep a record of all the people who enter the funeral home. If you're visiting a funeral home, you can scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app, or provide your details for contact tracing.

Up to 10 people can attend the funeral. The 10-person limit includes members of the clergy or staff who are attending.

### Visiting cemeteries

At Alert Level 3 you can visit a cemetery in your region if you can do so safely while keeping 2 metres away from people not in your bubble.

### Travel for funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 3

You can travel to another region within Alert Level 3 to attend a funeral or tangihanga. You do not need to apply for an exemption.

However, if you want to travel through an Alert Level 4 area to attend a funeral or tangihanga in an Alert Level 3 area, you will need to apply for an exemption.

Exemptions are granted only in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, and only where this is consistent with the public health response to COVID-19. It is very difficult to get an exemption.

## Government Support

Applications for the initial **Wage Subsidy scheme** closed, yesterday, and applications for the next fortnightly payment will begin on Friday morning.

Businesses are required to complete the application form on the MSD website, agree to a new declaration, meet all eligibility criteria, and reapply for each fortnightly payment.

The core settings of the Wage Subsidy Scheme remain the same. It is available to eligible businesses wherever they are in New Zealand on the same payment rates, two-week lump sum payments, and the need to show a 40 percent decline in revenue.

Businesses can also apply for the **Leave Support Scheme** and **Short-Term Absence Payment** as appropriate, as well as the **Resurgence Support Payment**, which is a one-off payment administered by Inland Revenue to help meet fixed costs.

For more information on COVID-19 business support measures, including full eligibility criteria:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/index.html>

## Financial support for individuals and whānau

If your income has been affected by COVID-19, you may be able to apply for financial support.

### COVID-19 financial support tool

You can use the COVID-19 financial support tool to find out what financial help may be available to you. The tool will take you, step by step, through a series of questions to understand your personal circumstances:

- your work status, for example job loss due to COVID-19
- your situation, for example your business is unable to operate
- whether your workplace has reduced business and revenue.

The tool will then tell you what financial help and support you can access, and where you can apply or find more information.

[Use the COVID-19 financial support tool](#)

### Help with essential costs

If you've lost your job, cannot work or are working fewer hours, you may be able to get a benefit or some other financial help from Work and Income.

Work and Income can help with urgent costs like:

- food
- accommodation costs, for example rent or mortgage, board, emergency housing, moving house
- power, gas, heating, or water bills
- medical and dental costs

You do not need to be on a benefit to get financial support.

Call Work and Income on [0800 559 009](tel:0800559009) or use their online calculator to check what you might be eligible for.

### **Support for whānau**

Whānau Ora helps whānau access health and welfare services, and meet basic needs for food, accommodation, heating, internet connectivity, water, and sewerage.

You can contact Whānau Ora on:

- [0800 929 282](tel:0800929282) if you are in the North Island
- [0800 187 689](tel:0800187689) if you are in the South Island

### **Support for students**

If you are a tertiary student, you can contact [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) (e for advice).

### **Support for homeowners**

If you're worried about your mortgage repayments, talk to your bank or finance company about the options that are available to you.

### **Help for renters**

If you're having trouble paying your rent due to COVID-19, let your landlord know straight away. You may be able to work together to agree on a repayment plan or negotiate your rent for a period of time so you can stay in your home.

If you have overdue rent and you're worried you will lose your housing, you can talk to Work and Income for support.

### **Wage subsidy scheme**

Your employer can apply for the August 2021 Wage Subsidy Scheme to help keep paying you during Alert Level 4. Your employer needs to meet the eligibility criteria to apply.

If your employer applies for the wage subsidy, they must pay you at least 80% of your normal pay. If they cannot, they must pass on the total amount of the subsidy to you.

If you normally earn less than the subsidy amount, your employer must continue to pay your normal pay.

### **If you need to get a COVID-19 test**

If you're waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, it's important you stay home until you get a negative result.

Think about whether you can work from home.

If you cannot work from home, your employer can apply for the COVID-19 Short-Term Absence Payment for you so you can continue to get paid.

You can also get this payment if you:



- need to stay home and look after a dependent child who has been asked to get a COVID-19 test
- live with someone who has been at a location of interest and need to stay home while they wait for the person in the household to get a negative test result.
- You can get a one-off payment of \$359. Talk to your employer if you think you meet the criteria.

### **If you need to isolate**

If you've been asked by health officials to self-isolate and you cannot work from home, you may be eligible for the COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme. Your employer needs to apply on your behalf.

You may also be eligible for this payment if you:

- are sick with COVID-19 and need to isolate until a doctor tells them they no longer need to
- have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- are at a higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19
- live with someone who is at high risk of getting sick from COVID-19, and a doctor or health professional has told people in the household to isolate to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 to vulnerable household members
- have been asked to self-isolate by public health officials
- need to stay home and look after a dependent child who needs support to self-isolate.

You can get \$600 per week if you work full time, and \$359 per week if you work part time

### **NZ citizens and residents living in Australia**

#### **Access to Australian superannuation**

All New Zealand citizens and permanent residents living in Australia, who meet the Australian Government's eligibility criteria, will now be able to access up to AUD\$20,000 of their Australian superannuation.

**KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI**