



9 April 2020 Tairawhiti Iwi COVID-19 Response

Tena tatou Ngati Porou whanui

As we countdown to Easter, this weekend being Easter weekend, it is important that we maintain vigilance in;

- Staying at home NOHO Ki te KAINGA
- Refrain if not cease all together unnecessary travel including numerous trips to the shops, when one trip should be sufficient
- Delegate one person from your bubble to go do the shop and purchase the household supplies.

We can not stress enough the importance of NOHO KI TE KAINGA WHANAU.

The imposed national Lockdown, which for some of us might have been better as a “LOCKED-IN” is showing promising results, with daily numbers of people testing positive for COVID 19 declining, or at the very least not rising. While this is still early days, it is the right trend and we want to see that continue.

SO DO YOU BIT WHANAU AND STAY AT HOME

For our whanau living away from home, hard as it is, PLEASE DON'T COME HOME FOR EASTER, NOHO KI O KOUTOU KAINGA I NGA TOPITO O AOTEAROA.

Returning home for an Easter Break, is unlawful and places additional stress and pressure on your

whanau at home and our health and emergency services.

Instead, Facetime your whanau, give them call, ZOOM them to tell them that you love and miss them. Tell them you can have a great catch-up when we all come out of lock-down

Tell them to do the right thing for them and the right thing by us and that is to stay put.

Invite them to Join us and 1000 other households in their bubbles for Karakia on Easter Sunday morning from 11.00am via the link which is on the Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa FB page <https://www.facebook.com/TairawhitiAmorangi>

Remember whanau,

STAY IN YOUR BUBBLE AND KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE

BE KIND TO EACH OTHER, LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER

MOST OF ALL HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND STRESSLESS EASTER BREAK

Na Selwyn Parata – Chair, Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou



Care Packages not Scare Packages

Last week approximately 2,000 households from Potaka in the north, Wairoa in the south and



Matawai to the west would have received a hygiene pack courtesy of the Horouta Whanau Ora Collective (HWC).

On Tuesday 31 March 2020 a huge truck, containing 30 pellets of hygiene goods arrived at Te Tini o Porou in Turanga from Te Pou Matakana (North Island Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency), for distribution to pakeke and whanau in need.



The HWC is the Tairawhiti Whanau Ora Collective and includes Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa, Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae, Turanga Health, Ngati Porou Hauora and Kaiti School.

The first load of care packages left Turanga and were delivered by our community volunteers through their hubs across the rohe including Whangara/ Uawa, Te Akau o Tokomaru, Ruatoria, Te Riu o Waiapu, Matakaoa and Potaka/ Wharekahika.

A big mihi to all our community volunteers, kaimahi, health workers and Turanga whanaunga for coming together in a united

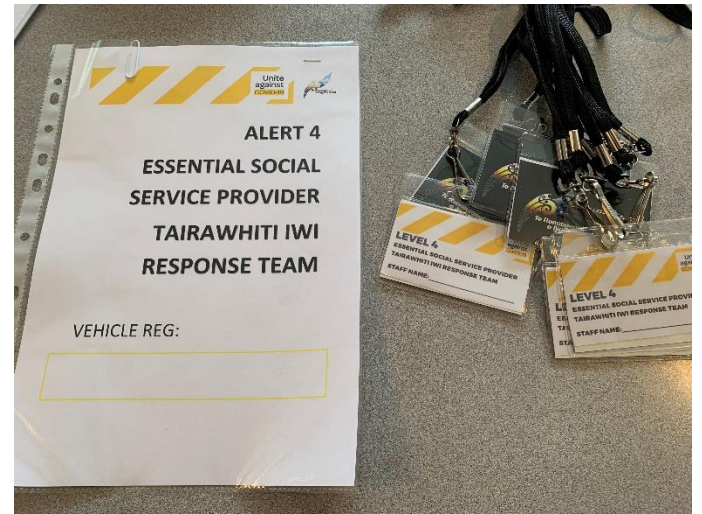
response to providing essential care for our Tairawhiti whanau in need.

Whanau living in Tairawhiti mai Potikirua ki Turanga.

- Are you pakeke 70+ years?
- Do you suffer from chronic health issues?
- Is your whanau struggling and just need a bit of help or advice?

Call us 0800 NPOROU or 0800 833502, 8am-4pm, 7 days a week.

Additional Support from Tairawhiti Iwi COVID-19 Response Team



Emergency Grants

The Tairawhiti Iwi COVID-19 Response Team has made grants of \$2,000. to 13 hapu/communities across our rohe from Wharerata to Matawa, Turanga and Potaka to the North.

The \$2,000 Immediate Help- grants have been paid to a whanau/hapu/Marae & iwi trusts identified by the 13 communities and will be distributed as cash, credit or purchase orders to our target groups.



Our target groups are Pakeke, people with chronic health conditions and High-Risk whanau. These grants are for immediate help with the purchase of kai, essential goods, medication and phone top-ups

Roll-out of other support

Over the next few weeks or so, the Tairawhiti Iwi COVID-19 Response Team will be rolling out additional support including;

- **Health** – Flu Jabs, health & safety practices for individuals, households and Marae
- **Help**- Kai and emergency supplies
- **Heating**- firewood and blankets
- **Harm-free support**- Counselling

SUPPORT SERVICES CONTACT LIST

- **Remember, in an emergency, always call 111**
- **Police non-emergencies: 105**

ORGANISATION	CONTACT NUMBER
COVID-19 Healthline	0800 358 5453 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
0800 Government Helpline	0800 779 997 (9am–5pm, 7 days a week)
Ngati Porou Hauora	Puhi Kaiti 06-867 8550
Uawa Health Clinic	06-862 6650
SHINE (abuse support)	0508 744 633
Alcohol and drug helpline	0800 787 797
Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508FAMILY
Narcotics Anonymous	0800 628 632
Lifeline	0800 543 354 or free text 4357
Youthline	0800 376 633
Samaritans	0800 726 666
Womens Refuge	0800REFUGE
Depression Helpline	0800 111 757
Free support & counselling for anything	1737

Repatriating Tairawhiti residents

We understand that in the last week two groups of people returned from overseas to self-isolate in Tairawhiti. We were advised today that the people are all Tairawhiti residents., who were overseas at the time that the State of National Emergency was declared, and the country went into Level 4 COVID-19 lockdown.

The first group of Gisborne and East Coast residents, cleared for repatriation to their regions of origins by Health Officials, arrived at Napier Airport late last week and travelled to Gisborne and the East Coast by private vehicles. Today we understand 15 people, arrived in Gisborne on an Air New Zealand flight to self-isolate at their homes in Gisborne and on the East Coast.

Tairawhiti Iwi Chairs are seeking to negotiate improvements to current repatriation protocols including timely notifications and a mandatory COVID-19 test prior to returning to their homes.

The Ministry of Health posted the following Official Requirements for NZ Citizens Returning Home;

1. Every passenger entering New Zealand will be screened for COVID-19 on arrival.
2. Passengers will be disembarked in small groups and met by Government officials at the gate.
3. When passengers disembark the plane health officials will discuss self-isolation and transport arrangements and answer any questions passengers may have.
4. If passengers have a domestic transit flight, they will not be allowed to connect to that flight.
5. If a passenger is symptomatic on arrival, they will be tested and placed in an approved isolation facility for 14 days.
6. If a passenger is not symptomatic on arrival, they will be asked to explain their plan for self-isolation and transport arrangements to that place.
7. If passengers have no suitable plan in place for self-isolation, they will be placed in local low-level quarantine accommodation, which has been approved for isolation for 14 days. They will be transported there directly from the airport.

8. If passengers are placed in managed accommodation for the 14-day low-level quarantine isolation period, further information will be provided on what will happen after that, including planned transport through domestic flights.
9. If passengers have a suitable self-isolation plan and transport arrangements, they will be escorted to their transport.
10. They will also be checked on by police within 72 hours to ensure they are in self-isolation.

What is a 'suitable plan'?

A suitable plan must comply with the following 9 criteria;

1. You have not been diagnosed with COVID-19.
2. You don't have COVID-19 symptoms.
3. You have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results.
4. You haven't been in close contact with someone with suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
5. You have a suitable place to complete your self-isolation (private residence). You must not self-isolate with "at-risk people" (e.g. those over 70, those with medical conditions, pregnant women etc).
6. Your self-isolation location (private residence) must be within 5 hours' drive from the airport.
7. You must reach your self-isolation location (private residence) within 12 hours of arriving in New Zealand.
8. You will not use rental cars, lease cars, public transport (taxis, Uber, buses, trains, ferries, domestic flights etc) to travel to your self-isolation location (private residence).
9. You must use a private car to take you directly to this self-isolation location – either:
 - a. a self-drive private car already parked at the airport
 - b. a private car driven by someone living at your intended self-isolation location, e.g. someone within your household group at the same address. (Note that only the driver should travel to the airport to pick you up – i.e. no passengers from your intended self-isolation destination.)

A MESSAGE FROM WORK AND INCOME NZ

We know you can't come in to see us or drop things off, so if we need to we'll contact you by phone, email or text instead.

We've also made some other changes, for the time being

- if you can't meet your usual obligations, we won't make any changes to your payments
- Temporary Additional Support payments for people already getting it, and new grants will also be for a longer period
- anyone getting Jobseeker Support or Sole Parent Support won't need to do a 52-week reapplication
- no one will need to renew their medical certificate
- we won't review any Disability Allowance payments
- we won't do any annual reviews for things like income or Income Related Rent
- we will extend any Special Benefit payments that may be about to expire and won't do any reviews.

Call 0800 559 009 – Please bear with us and if you can't get through, call back later.

If you can, use [MyMSD](#) to apply online for help with things like one-off costs for food.

If you've got an old payment card from us, hold onto it as we may be able to top it up remotely.

Check out the [Work and Income website](#) to find out more.

You can also use [MyMSD](#) to check your next payment.

Go to Check what you might get on the [Work and Income website](#) to see if there's other help you may qualify for.

KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI