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## TE KAHU O TAONUI E-PĀNUI

The purpose of this digest is to disseminate information to the iwi collective, which can be further circulated to your iwi members, whānau and communities. The information is a collation of different news items and important intel received through several channels today in a compact bulletin.

Our goal is to feature as many Taitokerau specific kaupapa and news that will be valued by our readers. In addition, we have suggested some further actions that the collective might regard as important issues to follow up.

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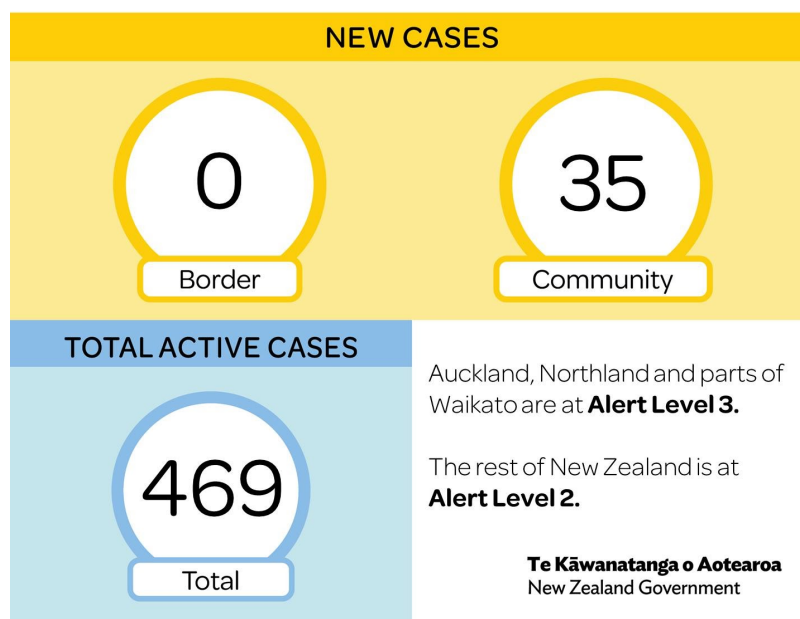
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

There are 35 new community cases of COVID-19 to report today, these are all in Auckland. This takes our total number of cases associated with the current outbreak to 1,622. Of these, 1,170 cases have recovered, taking our total active community cases to 452. There are now 33 cases in hospital - 1 in Palmerston North, 1 in Waikato and 31 in the Auckland area. Of these, 7 are in an intensive care or high dependency unit. There are no new active cases at the border. The total number of active cases in New Zealand is 469 - this includes 452 cases in the community and 17 border cases.

There are 369 locations of interest. Please remember to regularly check the Ministry of Health's website for new locations of interest: [here](#). We're asking residents and visitors to Auckland, Waikato, Northland and Bay of Plenty in particular to check the locations of interest page and follow the health instructions provided.

Monday, 11 October 2021

against  
COVID-19

## KEY POINTS:

- **Auckland** will stay at Alert Level 3 for another week before they can be reviewed next Monday.
- **Northland and Waikato** will remain in Level 3 until 11.59pm this Thursday. Cabinet will decide on Wednesday whether there will be a change in Level there.
- **No movement for the rest of the country.**
- Vaccination being made mandatory for education and healthcare workers. High-risk workers in the health and disability sector must be fully vaccinated by December 1, 2021, and must receive their first dose by October 30. This covers GPs, pharmacists, community health nurses, midwives, paramedics and all healthcare workers in sites where patients are treated. It also includes aged residential care workers, home and community support services, kaupapa Māori health providers and Non-Government Organisations that provide health services. A full list will be released this week.
- Education staff must receive their first dose by November 15 and be fully vaccinated by January 1, 2022. Only vaccinated staff and support people at schools and early learning services will be able to have contact with children and students - schools must keep a register of this. This area includes home-based educators, and all those support people in our schools and early learning services such as teacher-aides, administration and maintenance staff and contractors.

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## HAUORA



Te Hau Āwhiowhio ō Otangarei Trust co-founder Martin Kaipō says gang leaders getting vaccinated for Covid-19 is a "massive" deal and he hopes it encourages other members to get their jabs too. Kaipō's comments come after Black Power New Zealand president Mark Pitman on Saturday [rolled up his sleeve](#) to get a Covid-19 jab. "That is massive to have leaders step forward, force members to look at that because he's setting the trend and I think that's where they need to look at - supporting those leaders to actually encourage their members and their whānau," Kaipō told Breakfast. [Read more here](#)

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**ka pai**  
Te Tai Tokerau

**SHOT**  
**Super Saturday**

Get vaccinated this week and go into the Super Saturday draw to win \$5000.

Anyone vaccinated in Northland between 11 - 16 October, 2021 automatically goes in the draw.  
Super Saturday winner announced on Sunday 17 October.

**United against COVID-19**

TE POARI HAUORA Ā ROHE O TE TAI TOKERAU  
Northland District Health Board

## SUPER SATURDAY TAITOKERAU

Taitokerau, e tū! Go and get vaccinated this week and be in the draw for Super Saturday - details [here](#)

All Northland Residents who have already had their vaccination or get it from now on go in the ongoing ka pai Te Tai Tokerau Draws - visit [here](#) for more information.

### Whangarei Breast Clinic

The Breast Screening service is still operating under level 3. When arriving for your booked appointment please come to the door to indicate your arrival. We may ask you to wait outside whilst we ensure physical distancing with others. It is important that you do not delay your breast screening. If you are unable to attend contact us to reschedule and please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

**Breast Screening is free for eligible women  
45-69 years**

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an appointment**

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Northland, where an essential worker has returned a weak positive for Covid-19. The Northland District Health Board said of the 178,642 doses that had been administered as at 6am yesterday, 71,435 people have had two doses and 107,207 have received one dose. The eligible population 12 years and older in Northland is 164,526. [More here](#)

## HAU KAINGA

# DECLARATION AGAINST COVID-19

## TAITOKERAU IWI COLLECTIVE AFFIRM THEIR POSITION AND ENCOURAGE VACCINATIONS AGAINST COVID-19

*Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā  
Kia hiwa rā i tēnei tuku, kia hiwa rā i tērā tuku  
Kia tū, kia oho, kia mataara!*

Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua!

Our Iwi collectively stand together in our call for all of our uri and individuals – living inside or outside our tribal territories – to have the COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible.

Our tūpuna through He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi asserted their Tino Rangatiratanga and the promise they wished for future generations. It is within this vein that we as Iwi leaders will do the same.

Manaakitanga is the concept of caring for one another. It is about protecting whakapapa; it is about kōtahitanga; it is the unity of the collective. These are concepts and values we know and understand.

Māori are more likely to die from COVID-19 than Pākehā and more than twice as likely to end up in hospital from COVID infection. Everyone aged 12 years and over is eligible for the vaccine, and the statistics are clear: Māori vaccination rates are significantly lower than every other ethnic group in Aotearoa. We need to change this.

Fear plays a large part in peoples' decision to vaccinate, or not. For some, there is fear of getting the virus so they get vaccinated. For others, there is fear of having the vaccine, so they wait or choose not to get it. Kaua e mataku – make your decision based on credible information.

The vaccine is proven to be clinically safe. Unprecedented global scientific collaboration provided a number of vaccine solutions at pace. You can trust these sources of information to support your decision-making:  
TKOT Website | Karawhiua | Unite Against Covid

The vaccine is working to save lives and protect our people, protect our reo, protect our whakapapa and protect who we are as Māori for generations to come!  
Let us show our manaakitanga for one another - kia kakama, kia pakari tātou.

### HE KAUPAPA TĒNEI E TAUTOKOHIA ANA E NGĀ IWI O TE KAHU O TAONU - NGĀ IWI WHĀNUI KATOA O TE TAI TOKERAU:

**NGĀTI WHĀTUA | DAME NAIDA GLAVISH  
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NGĀTI HINE | PITA TIPENE  
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WHAINGAROA | MARIAMENO KAPA-KINGI**

**KAHUKURAARIKI | TERESA TEPANIA-ASHTON  
NGĀTI KAHU | PROF. MARGARET MUTU  
TE RARAWA | HAAMI PIRIPI  
NGAI TAKOTO | WALLACE RIVERS & KAIO KARIPA  
TE AUPŌURI | RHONDA KITE  
NGĀTI KURĪ | HARRY BURKHARDT**

[Click here to read Te Kahu o Taonui Declaration Against COVID-19 Media Release](#)



A collective of Northland iwi wants a judicial review on the use of te reo Māori in the court system. Te Rūnanga o Ngāpuhi, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia, Ngāti Wai Trust Board and Te Reo o Ngāti Hine Trust lodged a statement of claim in the Auckland High Court today, naming the Minister of Justice, the Secretary for Justice and the Attorney General as respondents. The iwi maintain the Crown has failed to protect and promote te reo Māori as guaranteed by the Treaty of Waitangi and Māori Language Act 2016. They've applied to the High Court to investigate their claim. [Article here](#)



NGĀTI HINE HEALTH TRUST

— Pukepuke rau e kōkiri nei —

Ngāti Hine Health Trust (NHHT) has been providing support to their community for more than 25 years and is one of the largest Kaupapa Maori & Whānau Ora Organisations in Aotearoa. They deliver a comprehensive range of services under the Korowai of Whānau Ora. The NHHT Strategic Plan 2018-2030 sets out a clear blueprint for the direction ahead and seeks to reconfigure service design and delivery to align with thinking and practice that places whānau at the centre of everything they do, that encourages whānau leadership and that, in a systemic context and in the long-term, is driving to their vision of Ko Ngāti Hine e ngunguru nei. They are currently looking for 3 new trustees. [Click here for more information](#)

## LOCAL NEWS - TE HIKU MEDIA

Everyday local radio and television platform Te Hiku Media are covering local stories and cover a great deal of work that is happening across our Te Hiku and Te Taitokerau community. [Today Haami Piripi shared thoughts about the local border control.](#)





## TAUTOKO TE TAITOKERAU BUSINESS

From this week onwards we are going to promote Māori owned businesses that operate within or whakapapa to Te Taitokerau.

We also want to encourage our subscribers to proactively Buy local and Buy Māori. Many pakihi are struggling at the moment and any dollars we can drive to support our local economy is a positive move

Check out the Tautoko Taitokerau Facebook page to stay connected to opportunities, training and new businesses and make your purchasing decisions through [our Tautoko Economies Website.](#)

## KI TE AO



Precious taonga that were used by Māori to fish and catch whitebait are on display as part of an exhibition celebrating the relationship Ngāi Tahu has with wetlands. Curated by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Christchurch City Libraries, Whakaata mai te Kūkūwai - Reflections from the Wetlands opens on Sunday and runs until February at Tūranga, Christchurch's central library. A kupenga īnanga (whitebait net), a carved wooden patu (fishing club), a flax aho (fishing line), mähē (sinkers), and matau (fishhooks) are

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Rūnanga representative David Perenara & co-workers said the exhibition showcased the taonga and the relationship between people and their environment. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, a formal event to celebrate the exhibition with Papatipu Rūnanga, Ngāi Tahu whānau and Christchurch City Council leaders will take place later this year. [Read here](#)



An overseas research team has linked soot preserved in Antarctic ice to fires set in Aotearoa by Māori settlers 700 years ago. The researchers say the finding is a dramatic example of early humanities' environmental impact, but there has been some criticism here in New Zealand about the research. At least one Māori academic has pushed back against the research. In comments [published by the Science Media Centre](#), University of Waikato acting dean of the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies associate professor Sandy Morrison said the study was "devoid of context, devoid of cultural understandings and is yet another example of what we have grown to expect from western science". [More to read here](#)



"Māori are coming around to the vaccine", says Associate Minister for Māori Health Peeni Henare. As at Thursday, Friday, Māori vaccination rates were over 10,000 each of those days, and more than 9,600 Māori got their first dose on Saturday. It is a remarkable turnaround for Māori. According to Ministry of Health data, approximately 81 percent of the population of the country have received their first dose. That number, however, masks the appalling rate at which Māori are being vaccinated. 336,832 Māori have received their first Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, around 590 per 1,000 people, and with 850,500 Māori estimated to reside in Aotearoa, that is not even half of the population. But the signs of Māori getting on the 'Shot Bro' bus are encouraging. But Māori Health providers are saying they can do more. Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency CEO John Tamihere filed an application for an injunction in the Wellington High Court on Friday morning, claiming Māori providers need more information about Māori vaccination uptake data to formulate a cohesive plan to increase vaccination rates among Māori. [Article here](#)

## ALL OF GOVERNMENT



High-risk workers in the health and disability sector to be fully vaccinated by 1 December, 2021, and to receive their first dose by 30 October. School and early learning staff and support people who have contact with children and students to be fully vaccinated by 1 January, 2022, and to receive their first dose by 15 November. Large parts of two workforces critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19 will be required to be vaccinated, COVID-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said today. [Announcement here](#)

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