

"Korowaitia te puna waiora, hei oranga motuhake mō te iwi"

## COVID-19

## **Information Pack**

Everything whānau need to know about Covid-19

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All information included in this booklet was correct at the time of printing. It is recommended to always follow the advice of your health professional and check for the latest updates on https://covid19.govt.nz/

## WHAT DOES COVID-19 LOOK LIKE?



#### **Common symptoms are:**

- fever
- cough or sore throat
- loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sneezing or runny nose
- shortness of breath

#### Less common symptoms may include:

- diarrhoea
- headache
- muscle aches
- nausea
- vomitting
- confusion /irratibility

These almost always occur with one or more of the common symptoms.

## **KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE**

It is important that we maintain the health practices we've all become familiar with.

These health practices not only help to prevent us from passing and catching COVID-19, they will also help to keep many other illnesses away such as the common cold and flu.

To help protect yourself, your whānau and our community, we must continue to take the necessary precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Stay home if you are sick.



Cover coughs and sneezes.



Wear a mask.



Wash or sanitise your hands.



Wipe down all commonly used surfaces.



If you have Covid-19 Symptoms get tested.



Get vaccinated.



Reduce close contact in indoor spaces.



Create a whānau plan!

## He mihi tēnei ki a koe...

Thank you for taking the necessary steps to protect yourself and your whānau from COVID-19.





#### WHAT IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE??

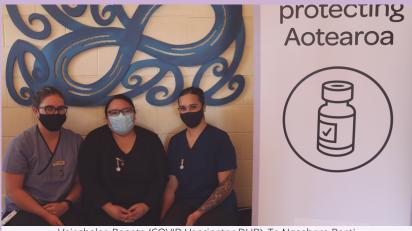
Along with excellent hygiene practices, mask wearing, and safe social distancing, vaccines are another way that we can fight against COVID-19 and protect our whānau, hapū, iwi and communities.

The COVID-19 vaccines are free and available to everyone in Aotearoa 5 years and over.

Vaccines work to protect our health by teaching the body's immune system to recognise pathogens (disease-causing organisms) without causing illness to the body's immune system. It then remembers this pathogen and when/if the infection occurs at a later date, the body will remember this and fight the infection faster.

The vaccine isn't a cure for COVID-19, however it does provide a layer of protection and will help prevent you from developing severe symptoms from the virus. It also reduces the risk of you spreading the virus to others.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step that you can take to protect yourself and your whānau from the effects of the virus. However, we don't yet know if it will stop you from catching and passing on the virus.



Vaieshalee Renata (COVID Vaccinator DHB), Te Ngaahere Peeti & Maikara Erueti (COVID Vaccinators Te Oranganui). 3 New Graduates, All COVID-19 Vaccinators and all graduated from the same class. "I wanted to vaccinate through Te Oranganui as a Māori Health Provider to change the culture in which our people see vaccinations.

I wanted to work with our people to service Māori, my whakaaro is that I would hate for our people to die of a non-Māori disease and that's why I am doing this mahi to ensure that our people and our whakapapa are protected."

- Maikara Erueti, Registered Nurse, COVID-19 Vaccinator, Te Oranganui

#### **TAMARIKI VACCINATION**

#### Covid-19 Vaccine for tamariki aged 5 to 11 years



Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to protect their tamariki aged 5 - 11 years against Covid-19, by being immunised with a child (paediatric) formulation of the Pfizer vaccine.

The vaccine used for tamariki is a children's version of the Pfizer vaccine, with a lower dose and smaller volume.

Tamariki need two doses of the vaccine to be fully protected. It is recommended these are at least 8 weeks apart. The interval can be shortened to a minimum of 21 days if needed, for example if your child is starting treatment with immunosuppressants.

#### Consent

A parent, caregiver or legal guardian will need to accompany your child to their appointment(s) as the responsible adult and be able to provide consent for them to be immunised.

At the appointment, both the adult and child can ask as many questions as they like.

#### Preparing your tamariki for vaccination

- Provide encouragement to help your tamariki feel relaxed.
- Make sure they have had something to eat and drink.
- Check they're wearing clothes that make it easy to see and access their upper arm.

If they are nervous, tamariki are welcome to take something to the appointment that may distract them, like a soft toy or ipad/phone.

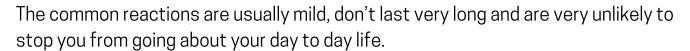
If your tamariki have had previous reactions to immunisations, let your vaccinator know, speak to your whānau doctor prior to the appointment or talk to a trained advisor on the COVID Vaccination Healthline - **0800 28 29 26.** 



#### **POSSIBLE IMMUNE RESPONSE**

Like with all medicines, the vaccine may cause an immune response.

This is the body's normal response and shows that the vaccine is working.



Any immune response also will not prevent you from having your second dose of the vaccine.

Immune responses you may experience and what can be done to help include:

What you may feel	What can help	When this could start		
Pain at the injecion site	Place cold, wet cloth, or ice pack on the injection site for a short time. Do not rub or massage the injection site.	Within 6 to 24 hours		
Muscle aches, headaches feeling generally unwell, chills, fever, joint pain and nausea may also occur	Rest and drink plenty fluids, Paracetamol or ibuprofen can be taken, follow the manufacturer's instructions. Seek medical advice from your GP if symptoms worsen.	Within 6 - 48 hours		





#### **SEVERE REACTIONS**

Severe reactions to Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine are rare and usually occur within a few minutes of the vaccination.

This is why there is an observation period following the vaccination for monitoring by clinical staff to ensure you receive any medical treatment if this occurs.



- difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face and throat
- a fast heartbeat
- a bad rash all over the body
- dizziness and weakness

#### **MYOCARDITIS & PERICARDITIS**

These are very rare but serious side effects of the Pfizer vaccine. However, it is important to be aware of the symptoms. If you have any of the below symptoms in the following days or weeks after being vaccinated, get medical help right away.

#### Symptoms of Myocarditis & Pericarditis

- discomfort, heaviness, tightness or pain in chest
- difficulty breathing
- feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart
- feeling faint, light-headed or dizzy





# GETTING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION





Call **0800 202 004** to book an appointment for your COVID-19 vaccination.



When you arrive at your allocated time, an Administrator will do a health check with you and will provide you with some information.



Before you can be vaccinated, you will need to give consent (either written or verbal).



A tāpuhi will then inject the vaccine into your arm. It is suggested that you choose your least dominant arm.



You will need to wait around for 15 minutes after your vaccination so the nurse can monitor you.



Once the kaiawhina gives you the all clear, you can leave and carry on with your day.



Before you leave, be sure to make an appointment for your second dose or booster vaccine.

# Protect against Covid-19

**Book your vaccination now** Call 0800 202 004 or go online to BookMyVaccine.nz



"It's our job to protect our tamariki and mokopuna, and my moko is the reason why I'm getting vaccinated." Maria Potaka.

> Kaihautū Service Manager, Te Puawai Whānau, Te Oranganui.

"The vaccine is important for individual protection and just as important to protect your community." Dr. Patrick O'Connor.

Whanganui Medical Offcer of Health.



Visit: covid19govt.nz and health.govt.nz/coronavirus









### **Privacy**

All the information you provide today will be used to help run the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Information from the consent form and details of each immunisation given or turned down will be recorded by the Ministry of Health in the COVID-19 Immunisation Register.

This information will be treated with care to ensure the Ministry of Health meets its obligations under the Privacy Act 2020 and the Health Information Privacy Code 2020.

### The information collected as part of the vaccination process may be used for:

- managing your health
- keeping you and others safe
- · planning and funding health services
- carrying out authorised research
- · training health care professionals
- preparing and publishing statistics
- · improving government services.

Some information, such as information about reactions to the vaccine, will be shared with other organisations who provide health services such as the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring.

#### Sharing information with employers

Your employer may request confirmation of you receiving a vaccine. They should email <u>COVID-19</u>, <u>privacy@health.govt.nz</u> to request access.

#### **Further information**

For more information about how the Ministry of Health protects your information, visit the Ministry website at <a href="health.govt.nz.lcovid-vaccine-privacy">health.govt.nz</a> (COVID-19.privacy@health.govt.nz

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### **GETTING TESTED**

If you have Covid-19 Symptoms, get tested as soon as possible. A list of testing stations can be found at: https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/.

Alternatively you can call Te Oranganui on **0800 202 004** to be tested.



#### **POSITIVE COVD-19**

## Close Contact (Household)

If you live with someone that has tested positive for Covid-19

#### Other Close Contact

If you have been in the same place, indoors, without a mask for 15 minutes or more with a positive Covid-19 case.

Isolate for 7 days from when you test positive or when you developed symptoms.

Isolate for 7 days.

Monitor for symptoms.

No further tests required unless directed to.

Get tested on day 3 and day 7.

Get tested if symptoms develop.

If you experience symptoms or receive a positive test result you are then considered a positive case.

\*This information is subject to change and is accurate as of 28/3/2022. Please ensure that you follow the advice of Public Health and the Ministry of Health.



## **ISOLATING**

If you test positive for Covid-19, you will need to isolate while you recover. This is to keep you, your whānau and the community safe.

Testing Positive	<ul> <li>You will be notified by text or phone call.</li> <li>You will be asked to complete an online Covid-19 contact tracing form. Or you will be given a call.</li> <li>Cases are advised to let your household and close contacts know you have tested positive.</li> </ul>
Isolating at Home	<ul> <li>You will need to self-isolate for 7 days.</li> <li>Avoid contact with others in your household.</li> <li>Focus on your rest and recovery.</li> <li>After 7 days you are free to go.</li> <li>If you are still feeling unwell after 7 days seek further health care advice.</li> </ul>
Quarantine Facility  If you cannot safely self- isolate at home. This is the best way to stop the virus spreading to others in your whare, and to ensure that you are well looked after.	<ul> <li>Public Health Staff will call you to discuss how you are feeling, when and how you will be moved to a quarantine facility if necessary.</li> <li>You will be given time to organise whether some of your whānau from your household go with you or stay home, financial support you may need and care for your pets.</li> <li>In quarantine you will be given a welcome pack full of information, meals daily, wi-fi, laundry services, basic toiletries and access to a dedicated health team.</li> </ul>



## **BEING PREPARED**

Tissues

Sanitiser

Masks

Gloves

Disinfectant

Being prepared is about having conversations with your whānau and friends about your plan if you need to isolate or you test postive for Covid-19.

Your	people plan:	
	Who is in your whare? List all names, DOB, Names, DOB, Name of the specific needs.	IHI Numbers and any
	Who will be your support person? Someone need to isolate?	you can call on should you
	Have a list of emergency contacts. Such as Pharmacy, Work and Education provider.	s; Doctor, Dentist, Local
Tama	riki plan:	
	Do you have tamariki that will need taking of Have a kõrero with your extended whānau at this could look like.	•
Isolat	tion Essentials:	
	First Aid & Cleaning  Prescription Medicine  Vitamins  Paracetamol  Cough Syrup  Lozenges  Chest Rub  Heat & Cool Packs	<ul> <li>Kai List</li> <li>Food that is high in vitamins (Fruit &amp; Veg)</li> <li>Fluids (Water, tea &amp; Electrolytes)</li> <li>Easy heat meals</li> <li>Canned kai</li> <li>Snacks</li> </ul>



## **KEY CONTACTS**



**Te Oranganui** 0800 202 004

**Tupoho Social Services** 0800 100 969

**Whanganui DHB** 06 348 1234

**Healthline(Covid-19)** 0800 358 5453

**Government Helpline** 0800 779 997

**COVID Welfare** 0800 512 337

**Work and Income (WINZ)** 0800 559 009

#### **Useful Links:**

**Te Oranganui:** www.teoranganui.co.nz

**Ministry of Health:** www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus

Unite Against COVID-19: https://covid19.govt.nz/

Are you all goods?: www.areyouallgoods.com

Whanganui DHB: www.wdhb.org.nz

## WHILE YOU'RE WAITING, GIVE THESE A GO!

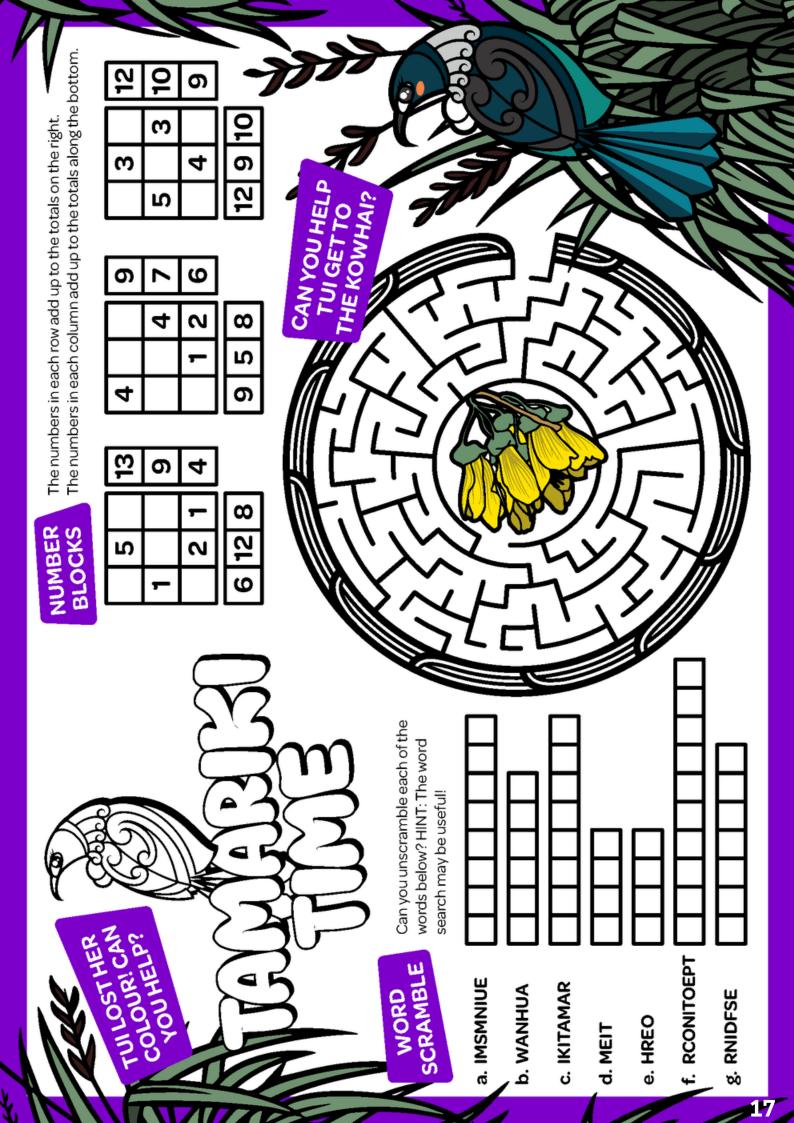
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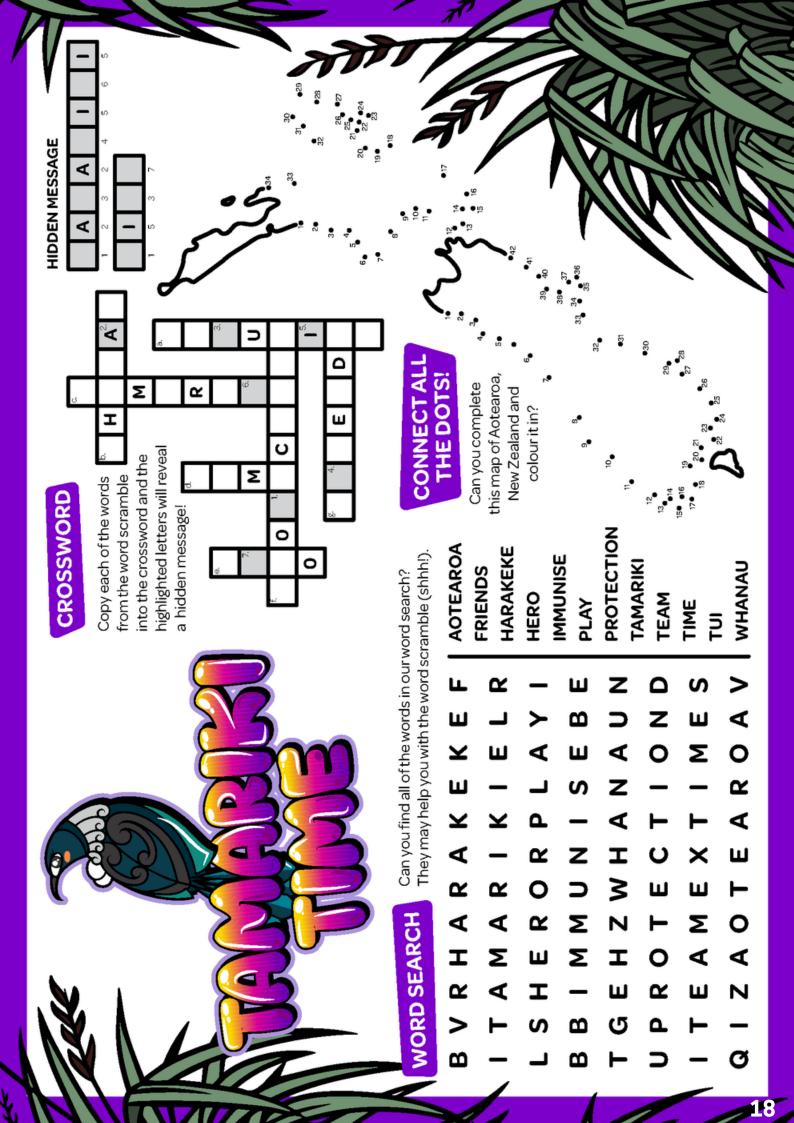
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## He mihi tenei ki a koe...

Thank you for taking the necessary steps to protect yourself and your whānau from COVID-19.









Our Te Oranganui Team are here to support you and your whānau through these uncertain times. If you have any concerns or pātai please make contact with us.



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