

Haumarungia Te Whānau;  
Tausisi le saogalemu o tatou aiga;  
Let's keep our whānau safe.

## Māori and Pasifika COVID-response pānui

8 September 2020

He toi whakairo, he mana tangata.  
Te puna o te aroha, he rangi ka unuhia.

*Where there is cultural excellence there is human dignity.  
Draw upon the heavens, the source of love.*



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Kia atawhai | Be kind • Me toro ki ētahi atu | Check-in on others • Āwhinatia ētahi atu | Help others

## Ngā kōrero mō te whānau – Feedback for the community

We want to thank the community, whānau and health care workers in Hawke's Bay DHB who have contributed to a successful flu vaccination programme. For Māori over 65, we have never had numbers this high in our history. He mihi nui tēnei ki ngā ringa hāpai kei tēnā rohe me tēnā hapū o Te Matau a Maui.

## Mātautanga mate korona – Testing for COVID-19

Hawke's Bay COVID testing figures for the week ending 6 September, 2020:

|                                                   | Māori       |                                | Pasifika    |                                | Other       |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                   | Total tests | Percentage<br>(of tests taken) | Total tests | Percentage<br>(of tests taken) | Total tests | Percentage<br>(of tests taken) |
| Last 7 days<br>(to 6 September 2020)              | 140         | 27%                            | 26          | 5%                             | 349         | 68%                            |
| To date<br>(from 15 March 2020)                   | 6140        | 27%                            | 1963        | 9%                             | 14,886      | 64%                            |
| Reference: Hawke's Bay<br>population by ethnicity | 45,400      | 27%<br>(of population)         | 6680        | 4%<br>(of population)          | 116,610     | 69%<br>(of population)         |

## Ngā rāhuitanga o te hohipera – Current level 2 restrictions at the hospital and DHB health centres

We've refined our visitor policy for Alert Level 2; this applies to all Hawke's Bay DHB facilities:

- ♥ Visiting hours are 1-8pm.
- ♥ All visitors must submit personal details on arrival to ensure contact tracing can be performed if required.
- ♥ Visitors need to follow precautions such as good hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- ♥ Visitors can bring their own cloth mask – a mask will be supplied if visitors forget to bring a mask with them.
- ♥ Emergency Department (ED): one support person per patient will be permitted.
- ♥ Intensive Care Unit (ICU): one visitor at a time will be permitted, and only one visit a day.
- ♥ Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU): only parents can visit.
- ♥ Maternity delivery-suite: one support person is allowed.
- ♥ Maternity post-natal: one support person plus one visitor at a time will be permitted, and only one visit a day.
- ♥ Ward tower block: two visitors per patient; one visit per day.
- ♥ No children are allowed on the wards.
- ♥ Visitors must not have any cold-like symptoms.

Thank you to all our visitors, staff, patients and community members who are working to keep each other and themselves safe.



To connect with Māori Health or Pasifika Health, our whānau can call reception 0800 333 671 (06 878 1654) or ask a nurse for support.

## Kiripākai mata – Current face mask advice

You must wear a face covering on public transport and aircraft at Alert Level 2. This includes trains, buses, planes and ferries. Face coverings such as a bandana or a scarf can also be used if you don't have a mask.

They do not need to be worn:

- by children under 12
- on school buses
- on charter or group tours
- on interisland ferries
- on private scenic flights.

These groups are likely to be in each other's bubbles as part of a registered group or have space to physically distance.

For more information about mask wearing, including how to make one, visit the Unite Against COVID-19 website at [www.covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

### Putting on a face covering:



#### Clean your hands.

Before you put on your face covering, wash and dry your hands or use hand sanitiser.



#### Check your face covering.

Make sure it is clean, dry and not damaged.



#### Put on your face covering.

Place the face covering over your nose, mouth and chin, and place the loops over your ears to hold the mask in place.



#### Replace the face covering if it becomes damp, damaged or dirty.

Dispose of single-use face coverings in a rubbish bin. Or store your reusable face covering in a plastic bag until you can wash it.



### When wearing a face covering you should avoid:



Touching the front of your mask.



Touching your face.



Moving your face covering.

For updates and more information on staying safe, visit **Covid19.govt.nz**

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## Tangihanga (funerals) and church gatherings

The DHB strongly urges people to **wear a face mask** at tangihanga (funerals) for added protection given many people travel into or outside of the region to pay their respects.

Up to 100 people can attend a tangihanga (funeral) and church at Alert Level 2.

Social gathering rules apply to tangihanga (funerals) and church held at:

- funeral homes
- churches, mosques and other faith-based institutions
- hired venues or facilities
- private dwellings.

Organisers do not need to register with the Ministry of Health to hold a funeral or tangihanga this size. The organiser must ensure that contact tracing requirements are met.

You should avoid physical contact such as harirū, hongis, kissing, and hugging except if you:

- live with them
- are whānau
- close friends.

### Contact tracing

Contact tracing is an important element of our response to COVID-19.

Funeral directors, Church Ministers and Community Leaders are responsible to have systems and processes in place to enable contact tracing.

They are also encouraged to display an **official NZ COVID-19 Tracer App QR code**.

Click on this easy to follow, step-by-step video of how to create Covid Tracer QR code poster: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrErZeugmGc>

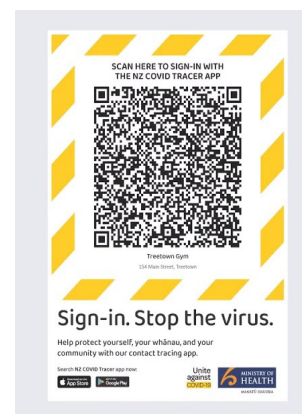
As well as displaying a QR code, a **contact tracing register (sign in sheet)** to record the details of all persons attending any gatherings should be made available. This register should include:

- exact day and time the event took place
- full names of all attending the event
- one method of contact (e.g. email address or mobile phone number).

If funeral directors or organisers of the tangihanga keep contact tracing records, they need to be kept secure for two months. After this period, the records can be destroyed.

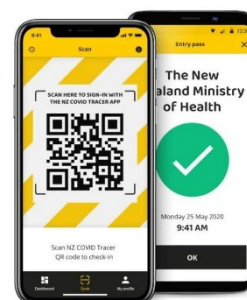
The information in the register must only be used for the purpose of contact tracing and only shared with the Ministry of Health or district health boards, should this be required. Attendees should not have access to anyone else's personal information.

**We encourage everyone to also download the NZ Covid Tracer App on their phone to support individual tracking.**



**Protect yourself,  
your whānau, and  
your community**

Download the **NZ COVID Tracer app**



## Physical distancing

We are all being asked to play our part to refrain from physical contact to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At tangihanga, we should aim to keep 1 metre physical distance where contact tracing and other public health measures are possible.

It is the responsibility of the funeral director or organiser of the tangihanga to ensure whānau can maintain physical distance in any defined space. If physical distancing cannot be guaranteed in a defined space, then the number of attendees allowed at that venue may be lower than 100 people (or 50 in Tāmaki Makaurau at a registered funeral or tangihanga).

Whānau/āiga should also consider suspending hongī and harirū to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our most vulnerable whānau members safe. People who are sick with cold or flu-like symptoms should not attend tangihanga, church or gatherings.

## Serving kai

The serving of food and drink for hākari is permitted under Alert Level 2 provided the venue can meet the physical distancing and hygiene requirements for food preparation and serving.

This includes groupings of no more than 10 people eating together. Government guidelines are that kai should be served as individual portions and not from a buffet, and no alcohol is to be served or consumed on the premises.

It is recommended gatherings following the burial, nehunga and cremation are kept short (under two hours).

All frequently touched surfaces and objects (such as where food is prepared and served, as well as kitchenware) should be thoroughly cleaned before and after each gathering. People may also choose to use disposable kitchenware to make the cleaning process easier.

All information is available on the COVID-19 website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-deaths-funerals-and-tangihanga/guidance-alert-level-2-deaths-funerals-and-tangihanga>

## Tuku awhikiri rewharewha – Flu Immunisations

There is one month to go to reach our 80% target for Māori receiving their flu immunisations. Currently for Māori over 65 we have hit 76% which is a huge achievement, and 64% for our Pasifika 'āiga/ānau/famili. We held a pop-up clinic to try and increase our Pasifika stats recently and had a really good uptake from all ages.

We need to reach our 80% target for Māori and require 127 more immunisations to hit this target.

We need to reach our 70% target for Pasifika and require 26 more immunisations to hit this target.



## COVID testing options in Hawke's Bay

To help protect all whānau and communities in our rohe, we have access to four community testing centres across the motu. Whānau who have been referred by their doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) can call the following numbers to immediately book a test:

- Napier: 06 650 4000 (testing available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Sunday)
- Hastings: 06 281 2644 (testing available 8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday)
- Wairoa: 06 838 8333 (testing available 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Central Hawke's Bay: Central Hawke's Bay residents need to be referred by their doctor or Healthline.

## E haere ake nei – Coming up

Local organisations are organising pop-up marae clinics to support flu immunisations.

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Please let us know if there is additional or specific information you would like included in these pānui. For information related to this pānui email Heneriata Paringatai, Maori Health team [Heneriata.Paringatai@hbdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Heneriata.Paringatai@hbdhb.govt.nz) or Amataga Iuli, Pacific Health team [Amataga.Iuli@hbdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Amataga.Iuli@hbdhb.govt.nz)

