

Whānau Panui

COVID-19/Coronavirus

Tuesday 25 October 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

You may be aware that a Vaccination Health Order came into effect 11.59pm, Monday 25 October. It means that people who work in health and/or disability support services will have to be fully vaccinated. Te Roopu Taurima is working with all our kaimahi to help them know about the Order and what it means for them.

Te Roopu Taurima supports mandatory vaccinations for its kaimahi because:

- The Delta variant of the virus is very infectious, it is very easy to catch, so lots more people are likely to get infected
- If you are unlucky enough to catch Covid, vaccinated people less likely to end up in hospital
- The hospital system is less likely to be overrun if less people infected with Covid have to be admitted. There are still lots of people with other health problems, that are not Covid related, that need hospital care so we need to make sure everyone who needs hospital care can get it
- Fewer whānau members are likely to die if they are vaccinated
- Vaccinated people are less likely to need extended time off work sick which means less disruption to the support we provide to tāngata

Alert Levels

Waikato remains in Alert Level 3, this will be reviewed on Wednesday 27 October. Tāmaki Makaurau remains in Alert Level 3, Step 1, this will be reviewed on Monday 1 November. The rest of Aotearoa remains in Alert Level 2. Visit [Unite Against COVID website](#) for the to remain updated on Government restrictions and updates.

What does Alert Level 3 mean for Te Roopu Taurima in Tāmaki Makaurau and Waikato

1. No staff inter-regional travel is allowed for any reason other than going to and from work.
2. Tāngata and kaimahi are to keep to their whare and home bubbles, no visitors to whare.
3. The Otahuhu and Waikato Offices are closed and office based staff continue to work remotely.
4. Respite services in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland will remain closed until Level 2.

What does Alert Level 2 mean for Te Roopu Taurima in Northland and Ōtautahi

1. It is important to use QR Codes, keep a track of where you have been, including tāngata who come to stay with you.
2. Visitors who want to visit a whare will need to make an appointment.
3. Our respite service in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland is open.

Helpful Information

- Get vaccinated. It's easy to book [online](#) or by calling 0800 28 29 26.
- If you have any questions you can contact Manawahakahaere/CEO, Tania Thomas 0272912084 or tania.thomas@terooputaurima.org.nz

Whakangungua tō whanau

Protect yourself and your whānau

