

Whānau Panui

COVID-19/Coronavirus

19 January 2021

Kia ora e te whānau - Ngā mihi nui mō te tau hou! Happy New Year!

The Traffic Light System Update

All of Aotearoa, **except for Te Tai Tokerau/Northland**, are currently in the Orange setting of the Covid Protection Traffic Light System. Te Tai Tokerau remains in the Red setting.

Guidelines for Te Roopu Taurima in the Traffic Light System

Te Roopu Taurima's Guidelines or SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) remain in operations with no changes at this time. A summarised operational table is available in all whare and on our website. <https://www.terooputaurima.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/TRT-Covid-19-Traffic-Light-Operational-Table-Guide-V1.0-DEC2021-A4.pdf>

Vaccine Passes

You are required to carry your **My Vaccine Pass** when in the community; our kaimahi will ask you to present your pass if you visit any of our whare or offices. You can request a free **My Vaccine Pass** through **My COVID Record** or call 0800222478 or check with your local Pharmacy, they can print Vaccine Passes.

Vaccine Pass Verifier App

All whare are required to scan vaccine passes for all manuhiri that visit the whare.

Booster Dose

The Booster dose has now been made part of the Mandatory Vaccination Order, this means that all Te Roopu Taurima kaimahi are encouraged to get the booster shot. **Tāngata are also encouraged to get the Booster dose upon consent from them or their whānau.** The Booster dose is available for anyone 18 years of age or over, have had the first and second dose of the vaccine and it has been at least 4 months. When you get a Booster dose, it will be added to your 'My Covid Record' and you can create another pass. For more online information including how to book [click here](#); alternatively, you can use the link below to access a printable resource [https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/vaccine-resources/COVID-19-vaccines Everything-about-boosters.pdf](https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/vaccine-resources/COVID-19-vaccines_Everything-about-boosters.pdf)

Rapid Antigen Testing

Rapid antigen tests are available to the public under supervision by community pharmacies. These tests will be free until 31 January and will be available at selected pharmacies throughout the country. The [Healthpoint website](#) will provide details of which community pharmacies will be offering this service.

Helpful Information

Keep up healthy habits: <https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/keep-up-healthy-habits/>

Scan QR codes and keep a track of where you have been.

[Karawhiua channels](#), and the [Te Puni Kōkiri 'COVID-19 Information for Māori' portal](#).

Mask, Scan, Pass – these are the three key things to remember at any traffic light setting.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact [Manawhakahaere/CEO, Tania Thomas 0272912084](#) or tania.thomas@terooputaurima.org.nz

Kia maia, kia manawanui, kia kaha tātou ki te tiaki i a tātou ano
Be strong, be resilient, and let's look after one another

