

PANDEMIC COMMUNICATION: COVID-19 PROVIDER NETWORK UPDATE

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We are at Alert Level 3. Thank you and well done to everyone for your part in making this possible. This will be our final update in this format unless we need to ramp up our response again. At all times, our focus is to bring you information you need in a timely manner. We will move our communications to a weekly format from Friday this week and it will come from a different email address – 2DHB Community Commissioning. All inboxes, including this one, will continue to be monitored.

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COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATIONS UPDATE

A big day for Drive Throughs: 593 vaccinations at ASB Stadium, 961 at Sky stadium, and 485 vaccinations at Waiwhetu Sports Centre Drive Through. The Drive Through model has proved successful for delivery of vaccinations to the Pacific and Māori communities.

The Waiwhetu Clinic has carried out just over 3000 Drive Through vaccinations in eight days.

In Porirua the Ora Toa North City Plaza Drive Through served over 1000 people of which 78% were Pacific or Māori. Now that businesses are back at the Plaza, Ora Toa is planning to establish a Drive Through clinic in the carpark of the Lydney Place Vaccination site during Level 3.

Elsewhere, the Covid Vax team is bringing on four primary care GP providers in the Hutt to deliver vaccinations across their patient bases and the wider community.

Four mobile pharmacy teams will begin vaccinating patients in-home from tomorrow.

While Drive Throughs have proven to be a successful model, vaccinations at all other clinics have continued to push through large numbers of vaccinations throughout lockdown. This means that throughout lockdown many hundreds of staff have been away from their families while serving their communities around the wider Wellington region. We thank you all.

Full information around vaccination sites can be found here:

Wellington: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19-vaccination/wellington/>

Hutt Valley: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19-vaccination/hutt/>

Full information around testing sites is available here.

Wellington: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/wellington/>

Hutt Valley: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/hutt/>

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE – MYOCARDITIS AND COVID-19 VACCINE

Ministry of Health and IMAC have issued a public health alert regarding the death of a woman in the days following vaccination with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The case has been referred to the Coroner and the cause of death has not yet been determined. However, the COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB) considered that the myocarditis was probably due to vaccination. The CV-ISMB noted that there were other medical issues occurring at the same time which may have influenced the outcome following vaccination.

The **attached** public health advice has key points for vaccinators and other health professionals, and emphasises the benefits of vaccination in protecting against COVID-19 greatly outweigh the rare risk of these conditions.

You can read more about Myocarditis and the COVID-19 vaccine here:

<https://covid.immune.org.nz/faq/myocarditis-and-covid-19-vaccine-new-zealand>

VACCINE SAFETY VIDEO RESOURCES

The IMAC link above includes video resources of interest:

- A recording of a webinar covering vaccine effectiveness with COVID-19 variants and current information around vaccine safety presented by IMAC medical advisors Dr Joan Ingram and Dr Peter McIntyre
- A simple and easy to follow explanation of why so many COVID-19 variants are showing up now. You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha6yUxze1vk&t=379s>

SHOUT OUT TO OUR PHARMACIES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pharmacists who are delivering vaccinations in their own communities but also going out to deliver vaccinations to people who cannot leave home, to workplaces and ensuring essential workers are able to be vaccinated at their workplace.

I thank them and their staff for also for stepping up where they can to ensure people get their medications throughout lockdown through Alert Level 4 and in Alert Level 3, in many cases by delivering medications to people who are unable to get out.

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON PPE

Ministry of Health is continually reviewing the published guidance on the use of PPE and updating its website regularly. The latest website updates include:

- updated Alert Level 3 and 4 guidance on the use of PPE for disability support workers who work in clients' homes
- information about fit testing and fit checking of P2/N95 particulate respirators, including links to manufacturers' guidance (in PDF and video format).

[Read the updated information and guidance on PPE](#)

UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE OF UNKNOWN STATUS

An updated document providing guidance for a risk assessment that should be undertaken at the first point of contact with people whose COVID-19 status is unknown **is attached**, and can also be found here:











<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/alert-levels-3-and-4-risk-assessment-questions-if-covid-19-status-is-unknown-1sep21.pdf>

WELLBEING – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you to Tu Ora Compass PHO for sharing this.

It's [Random Acts of Kindness Day NZ!](#) If there was a time to do a little something to make someone else's day a little better, today is the day! Performing a random act of kindness is a wonderful way to brighten someone's day, as well as your own.

Here are 10 ways to make someone's day, whilst in Level 3, with these random acts of kindness

-  Send a kind email or text with encouraging and kind words to boost someone's spirits.
-  Challenge yourself not to complain for an entire day. This is kind to others – and to yourself.
-  Call someone you love and tell them how much they mean to you.
-  Pick up rubbish around your neighbourhood.
-  Share your favourite recipe with a friend, colleague, or someone in your whānau.
-  If you're out getting a coffee in level 3 - pay for an extra coffee and ask the barista to give to the next person who comes in.
-  Write a handwritten letter to an old friend.
-  Support local businesses.
-  Write something kind on people's social media pages.
-  Send a photo to a friend that captures a good memory of you both.

"To often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, kind words, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" - Leo Buscaglia

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you and your teams for seeing us through Alert Level 4. Continue doing the great work you do, and enjoy this time with your expanded bubbles.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us at COVID-19questions@ccdhb.org.nz and a member of the team will respond. Or you can contact your contract manager.

A reminder that our previous provider updates and any attachments can be found here

<https://www.ccdhb.org.nz/for-health-professionals/covid-19-resources-for-our-community-providers/>

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