

Media Release

Vaccine Consultation Meetings on Rarotonga

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Te Marae Ora has organised four consultation meetings early next week to advise people on the government's plans to roll-out the coronavirus COVID-19 vaccine. There will be a meeting in each Vaka and one at the dome at the National Auditorium; starting on Monday evening.

The Minister of Health – Hon Vainetutai Rose Toki Brown – is urging people to get along to the meetings.

“We want people to be fully informed on the process to be followed once the vaccine is available to us. To date, with the ongoing help of New Zealand, and the buffer that New Zealand provides as the only entry point into the Cook Islands, we have managed to remain COVID free. But we must continue to be vigilant and follow the public health rules and procedures put in place.”

“We want all our people to come through this pandemic, and the best way to do that, and to be able to get through to a new normality, is to continue to follow the public health advice we have been given, until we get the protection afforded by a vaccine.”

The consultation, meetings will be held at the following venues:

- Monday 8th March, Vaka Te Au O Tonga, Sinai Hall, Avarua 6-7pm
- Tuesday 9th March, Vaka Puaikura, Aroa Nui Hall, Arorangi 6-7pm
- Wednesday 10th March, Public Service, Domes, Ministry of Culture, 1-2pm
- Wednesday 10th March, Vaka Takitumu, Titikaveka Sunday School, 7-8pm

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