

VACCINATION ROLL-OUT FOR 12-15 YEAR OLD'S 1 October 2021

The rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15 will begin in Rarotonga next week. Secretary of Health – Bob Williams – says the same procedure used for the 16 and over vaccination rollout earlier this year will apply.

“Families should register for vaccinations at the Social Centre and will then be transported up the hill to the hospital. Child minding will be provided at the hospital for those who require it. The vaccinations will be administered over three days starting next Friday, October 8.”

Vaccination hours are from 8am - 7pm on Friday 8, 8am – 4pm on Saturday 9, and on Sunday 10 October from 1pm – 4pm.

“While this vaccination programme is primarily aimed at 12 – 15 year olds, people who missed out having their second dose in the earlier rollout are encouraged to come and have their second one; and adults who haven’t been vaccinated at all are also welcome to come and join the programme.”

Whilst appointments are not required for 12-15 year olds, anyone in the 16 years and above category is encouraged to contact Haumata Hosking - 22664 haumata.hosking@cookislands.gov.ck or Pa Tauakume Pepe - 22664 pa.tauakume@cookislands.gov.ck for an appointment.

“Remember, having the vaccine protects you from the the deadly effects of this virus. It also protects your family and loved ones, and our community as a whole.”

There will be further announcements about the rollout to the Pa Enuā.

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