

## **Te Marae Ora Update 28 January 2022 (CKT)**

### **Vaccination Rollout Continues - Rarotonga**

Today, Friday 28 January there was a steady flow of people coming to get their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> / booster dose of the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccination.

As at 5.40pm today – 31 people had received their first dose, 28 their second dose and 261 people had received their third/booster dose.

The Marae Ora Vaccination Team is looking forward to welcoming any other eligible Cook Islands Residents and Work Permit Holders aged 12 and over tomorrow who wish to continue or start their vaccination programme.

To qualify for the booster/third shot you must be 18 years of age or older and have had your second dose at least 4 months ago, i.e., you had your second dose before the end of September.

Please come to the Social Centre from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and, if you are coming for your first dose or if you have not already, please bring a copy of your passport photo page or birth certificate with you, so that TMO can match these documents up with their COVID-19 vaccination records.

This information will also be used in preparation for **international travel regulations** requiring travellers to prove their COVID-19 vaccination status.

### **Paediatric Vaccine**

On Thursday afternoon Secretary of Health, Bob Williams received a “Letter of Exchange” from Dr Ashley Bloomfield on behalf of the New Zealand Government. This letter provides for up to 5000 Paediatric Pfizer Vaccine doses for the Cook Islands Paediatric Vaccination Programme.

Parents and Guardians of 5-11 years are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 2 February at the Auditorium from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. Attendance will be checked against their child/children’s name on record.

The paediatric roll-out on Rarotonga will take place over three days – Thursday 3 February to Saturday 5 February before being rolled out around the Pa Enua. A full schedule, including booster and catch-up doses for all the Pa Enua will be published on Monday.

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