

## **Paediatric Vaccination Roll-Out Update 6 February 2022 (CKT)**

A total of 1148 children aged between 5 and 11 years received their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 Paediatric Vaccine last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This represents approximately 79.8 % of the children in this bracket (1437) on Rarotonga.

“I’m very proud of the way the parents, grandparents and guardians of our 5–11-year-olds on Rarotonga mobilised and brought their young ones along to get protected. I’m proud too of the TMO team who co-ordinated a smooth process and thank our volunteers who made our young ones feel as much at ease as possible,” noted Secretary of Health Bob Williams.

Over this time too, a further 43 people aged 12 years and over received their first dose, 21 received their second dose and 74 people aged 18 and over received their third/booster dose.

Today the paediatric vaccination roll-out team travelled to Aitutaki and will be holding a public information session for parents and caregivers and young ones at 8am tomorrow morning at Araura College before beginning the vaccinations at Aitutaki Hospital.

The team will be vaccinating 5-11 years between 9 am and 6 pm tomorrow – Monday 7 February.

On Tuesday the vaccination team will be extending the roll-out to include anyone 12 years and over who wishes to begin their COVID-19 vaccination or get their second dose.

Please note those adults aged 18 years and over who had their second dose before on or before 8<sup>th</sup> November will be eligible to get their booster/third dose on Tuesday.

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