

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **19 April 2022**

As of 9am this morning a total of 4201 COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in the Cook Islands. Of this number 3698 have recovered and 503 remain active, with 117 of these on Aitutaki, 3 on Tongareva, 2 Mauke and the balance (381) on Rarotonga.

Aitutaki has had a total of 207 cases thus far, 90 of them have recovered. Aitutaki recorded 41 new cases yesterday, after a very quiet weekend at the testing site.

A pharmacy technician and 2 nurses have been deployed to Aitutaki to cover

There remain 3 cases on Tongareva, and 2 cases have been confirmed in Mauke. The initial case flew in on an Island Government approved flight last Friday. The case tested negative prior to departing Rarotonga, becoming symptomatic not long after arriving in Mauke and subsequently testing positive. A household contact of the first case is the second case. Both are now subject to isolation orders.

The Te Marae Ora vaccination team is on Aitutaki today offering all in the 16- and 17-year age group who had their second dose at least 6 months ago to come along for their third/booster dose.

This team is operating out of Aitutaki Hospital between from 8am to 4pm today, and is extending the roll-out to include anyone 12 years and over who wishes to continue or begin their COVID-19 vaccinations, that is, doses 1, 2 and the booster (3<sup>rd</sup>) dose.

Please note anyone who has had covid must wait at least 3 months before continuing with their vaccination programme.

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