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Official Information Act Request – OIA 13876 COVID-19 Vaccination Programmes and Planning For Māori

On 29 October 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Copies of any plans formulated to vaccinate Māori in the region against Covid-19.
2. Details of measures the DHB has taken to provide vaccinations to Māori in the region, including staffing and resourcing
3. Reports, briefings, memos, or other updates provided to the DHB's senior leadership on the progress of Covid-19 vaccine rollout to Māori in the region since the immunisation programme began.
4. Details of any data the DHB is collecting to monitor the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19 in the region.
5. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and the Ministry of Health relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19
6. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and other DHBs relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19.
7. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and Māori health providers, experts and/or iwi relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19.

The information will inform public interest reporting by The New Zealand Herald.

If you require clarification or if there is any guidance you wish to provide on refining this request after you have conducted your initial scoping exercise, I would be happy to discuss.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- 1. Copies of any plans formulated to vaccinate Māori in the region against Covid-19.**
See COVID-19 Māori Vaccination Plan attached.
- 2. Details of measures the DHB has taken to provide vaccinations to Māori in the region, including staffing and resourcing.**
The WDHB are working with Māori providers and iwi, as well as primary care providers. Vaccinations are delivered in areas with low vaccination uptake using mobile teams and clinics. Staffing depends on the clinic size and can be anywhere from two staff (home to home) to up to twenty staff for a large clinic.
- 3. Reports, briefings, memos, or other updates provided to the DHB's senior leadership on the progress of Covid-19 vaccine rollout to Māori in the region since the immunisation programme began.**
Updates based on figures from Ministry of Health are provided to leaders. This information is available in the public domain. Senior leaders can also access daily vaccination statistics via Power BI.

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4. Details of any data the DHB is collecting to monitor the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19 in the region.

Whanganui District Health Board receives information from the Ministry of Health around Māori vaccination uptake. This has already been provided to NZME.

5. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and the Ministry of Health relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19

Data which is provided by Ministry of Health to the WDHB. This is available in the public domain.

6. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and other DHBs relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19.

There has not been any high level correspondence between senior leadership and other DHBs on this topic.

7. High-level correspondence between senior leadership and Māori health providers, experts and/or iwi relating to the vaccination of Māori against Covid-19.

This information is commercially sensitive and has been withheld under section 9 (2) (b) (ii) of the OIA.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Ngā mihi



Graham Dyer

Kaihautū Hauora – Acting Chief Executive
Whanganui District Health Board

MĀORI COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Plan 2021

OUR PLAN	OUR WHĀNAU			PROGRAMME ROLL OUT																		
<p>This plan outlines the Covid-19 vaccination campaign for Māori communities for the Whanganui District Health Board Region.</p> <p>Planning is directed specifically to achieve equity of access and uptake for Māori whānau and to meet their needs within their own communities.</p> <p>The plan will support the rollout of Group Two but focuses on Group Three and Group Four of the New Zealand government's sequencing of the Covid-19 vaccination.</p> <p>Although this plan will initially target our kaumatua / kuia and Māori with underlying health conditions, we will be taking a 'whole of whānau' approach to support the health and wellbeing of the whole whānau.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the success of the Māori Vaccination programme is reliant on partnering with Māori organisations and Te Ranga Tupua through the Hauora ā Iwi Chair. The success of the influenza vaccination programme in 2020 and the partnership working together during the Covid-19 response has provided a strong foundation for us to develop the vaccination programme.</p> <p>The integrated communication team will also be key to our success in ensuring that our community is fully informed to allow engagement into the programme.</p> <p>There is absolute opportunity for a whānau ora approach and wellness wraparound services to be included in the Māori vaccination programme. Iwi health provider organisations will be designing their own kaupapa based model of service delivery within their local vaccination programme supported by the DHB or Primary Care.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Whanganui</td> <td>11,910</td> <td>Raetihi</td> <td>693</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marton</td> <td>1,338</td> <td>Ohakune/Tangiwai</td> <td>846</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rural Rangitikei</td> <td>741</td> <td>Waiouru</td> <td>318</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bulls</td> <td>657</td> <td>Taihape</td> <td>1191</td> </tr> </table>			Whanganui	11,910	Raetihi	693	Marton	1,338	Ohakune/Tangiwai	846	Rural Rangitikei	741	Waiouru	318	Bulls	657	Taihape	1191	Key areas	Actions	Timeline
Whanganui	11,910	Raetihi	693																			
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	VACCINATION LOCATIONS			Identify and develop our workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Maori providers to identify and enrol a Maori vaccination workforce (casual and fixed term) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinators Administrators Kaiawhina Upskill the Māori vaccination workforce Organise the Māori health workforce to receive COVID-19 vaccination 	March April May																
	It is important that Māori whānau are able to participate in the vaccination programme within their own communities by people they know and trust. The proposed providers and sites are considered trusted faces and places within the communities our whānau live.			Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement Māori communications across platforms supporting the programme roll out including key messages, vaccine information, vaccinator recruitment and who, where and when 	April Ongoing																
	Locality	Provider supported by DHB Vaccination Team	Site	Establish our sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Maori providers and relevant stakeholders to identify appropriate vaccination sites Work with Logistics Team & providers to set up each site Implement a centralised booking system 	April May																
	Whanganui	Te Oranganui Trust Te Hau Ranga Ora – vaccinator support	Rangahaua Tupoho Community Complex 97 Bell Street, Whanganui	Identify our whānau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Māori vaccination list by Group Tiers using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP enrolments Māori provider enrolments DHB & MOH data 	April May June																
	Whanganui Awa	Te Oranganui Trust, Te Puke Karanga, Te Hau Ranga Ora	TBC	Support whānau to be vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and distribute vaccination invitation packages Provide off-site kaiawhina and administration support for whānau to access vaccination bookings Provide kaiawhina support at vaccination sites Provide transport, as required, to and from vaccination sites 	July August September																
	Ratana	Te Kotuku Hauora Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa	Ratana Pa 4 Taihauauru Street, Ratana	Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake evaluation, data analysis and report 	October																
	OPTIMAL COVERAGE	Marton	Te Kotuku Hauora Te Poho o Tuariki 85 Henderson Line, Marton	RISKS																		
<p>Our approach includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinating our Māori Workforce Supporting a Māori workforce (from Māori providers) of trained vaccinators, kaiawhina, and administrators Programme delivery in familiar Māori environments that support the whole whānau Supporting a whole of whānau wellness approach doing whatever it takes Implementing a communications campaign utilising various platforms to fully inform our community and highlighting positive messaging to tackle vaccine hesitancy <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 Vaccination sites supported Whānau are supported to receive vaccination Prepare strengths based Māori Covid-19 safe messaging through a targeted Māori communications plan <p>Outcomes: An agile Māori Covid-19 Vaccination roll out that is By Māori, With Māori, For Māori and responds to the needs of Maori in partnership with our Māori communities, Māori health providers, PHOs, DHB and general practice teams.</p>	Bulls		Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre 4 Criterion Street, Bulls	Risk	Mitigation	Workforce	Continue to develop a workforce within availability Build on existing relationships across teams to ensure workforce is responsive DHB workforce team support															
	Taihape	Mokai Pātea Services 130 Hautapu Street, Taihape	Taihape Rural Health Centre 3 Hospital Road, Taihape	Completing doses	Sustainability of consistent delivery of dose 1, 2 and mop up factored into planning Rebook after 1 st dose. Recall system implemented	Booking	Develop centralised booking system															
	Ohakune	Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust	TBC	Did not attend	Link in and utilise Maori provider knowledge & relationships and kaiawhina support	Conflicting vaccination programmes MMR/Flu	Appropriate communications developed															
	Raetihi	Te Puke Karanga 22 Seddon Street, Raetihi	WDHB Waimarino Health Centre 22 Seddon Street, Raetihi	Hesitancy / anti vax	Develop positive communication/messaging	Waverley	Te Oranganui Trust TBC															

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February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1a: Border/MIQ workforce										
1b: Families and household contacts										
	2a: Frontline healthcare workers (non-border) who could be exposed to COVID-19 while providing care									
	2b: Frontline healthcare workers who may expose vulnerable people to COVID-19									
	2c: At-risk people living in settings with a high risk of transmission or exposure to COVID-19									
			3a: People aged 75+							
			3b: People aged 65							
			3c: People with underlying health conditions or disabilities							
			4: The remainder of the population, approximately 30, 132 people							