Kia ora,

**The free COVID-19 vaccination is ready for disabled people and their carers**

Great news! You can book your COVID-19 vaccine.

Please share this email with your carers or support workers who haven’t had the COVID-19 vaccine. They are eligible to be vaccinated now too.

If you don’t know where to go to get your vaccine please have a look at this [website](https://immunisation.northernregion.health.nz/). You can see the accessibility and transport options for each Vaccination Centre. You also have the option to be vaccinated at some GPs and pharmacies- find out which ones [here](https://immunisation.northernregion.health.nz/#where-to-get-vaccinated).

You can use this invitation to book the free vaccination.

1. Click on this link and it will take you to a booking page - [Book your appointments now](https://book.vaccine.covid19.health.nz/)
2. When asked, you’ll need to enter the access code **KIHFR1HBBN**
3. Complete the details on the booking page to register for your appointment
4. Select a location, date and time that suits you for your first and second doses
5. You’ll get a confirmation text and email

**We encourage you and your carers to make your booking now.**

If you need help with your booking please phone the Vaccination Helpline on **0800 28 29 26** between 8:00am - 8:00pm, 7 days or you can email [NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz). There is no option to book via text at the moment.

If you need a sign language interpreter please email [NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz) and we will be happy to book your vaccination appointment and sign language interpreter for you at the same time.

In some cases, people may be unable to leave their home to have a vaccination. In these cases, please contact the Vaccination Helpline on **0800 28 29 26 or** [NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz)to register your details. We are still exploring the best way to reach out to this vulnerable sector of the community.

You can find out more about the vaccine and how it protects you and your community [here](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines). There are some links to videos which you may find helpful.

* [How the COVID-19 vaccine works in English (english sub-titles)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XTSismdXP4)
* [How the COVID – 19 vaccine works in nine Pacific languages](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcg3YScOBRY&list=PLLyj3ScsPDQYHhAE1NsfYHSHwblgmHJiV&index=2)
* [How the COVID-19 vaccine works in English  (in te reo subtitles)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMghgcZuNp8)
* [How the COVID-19 vaccine works in English (with a sign language interpreter)](https://www.facebook.com/minhealthnz/videos/485506539374579/?__so__=channel_tab&__rv__=all_videos_card)

Thank you for helping to protect your whānau, aiga, community and the country from COVID-19. The more people who are vaccinated, the greater our protection as a community.

Kind regards,

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