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Update on COVID-19 cases — 9 February 2022

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Read today's update on COVID-19 cases and Omicron from the Ministry of Health.

- 204 new community cases
- 46 new cases identified at the border
- 16 cases in hospital

Today we start a national week of action called 'The Big Boost' where we're making it as easy as possible to get your booster, with pop-up vaccination centres and extended opening hours.

A booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine provides a higher level of protection against severe disease or hospitalisation from the Omicron variant than the two-dose course. Being fully vaccinated with two shots provides great protection against Delta, but boosters are the best way to fight Omicron.

If you are 18 years or older and had your second vaccination at least three months ago, get your booster as soon as you can. Find a centre near you by visiting BookMyVaccine.nz or calling the Covid Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 for a whānau booking.

All DHBs have now fully vaccinated 90% of their Pacific communities, with Whanganui reaching the milestone yesterday.

Advocates, church groups, health providers and countless other entities across the motu have led the way in ensuring that our Pacific populations have some of the highest vaccination rates in the country.

Anyone with any cold or flu symptoms that could be COVID-19 is asked to get a test and isolate at home until a negative result is returned.

The most common early symptoms of the Omicron variant are a sore or scratchy throat, and a runny nose. Even if you develop a small sniffle, please get a test.

Vaccinations

Vaccines administered to date (percentage of eligible people):

- 4,048,992 first doses (96%)
- 3,975,822 second doses (94%)
- 1,666,710 booster doses (53%)

Māori (percentage of eligible people aged 12+):

- 514,941 first doses (90%)
- 490,069 second doses (86%)

Pacific Peoples (percentage of eligible people aged 12+):

- 278,404 first doses (97%)
- 271,043 second doses (95%)

Paediatric vaccines administered to date (percentage of 5-11-year-olds):

- Total: 202,783 first doses (43%)
- Māori: 27,819 first doses (24%)
- Pacific People: 16,278 first doses (32%)

Update on today's COVID-19 cases | health.govt.nz (https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/big-boost-week-kicks-all-dhbs-reach-90-fully-vaccinated-pacific-peoples-204-community-cases-16)

If you have COVID-19