

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

1 March 22

Don't wait,  
vaccinate



Unite  
against  
COVID-19

CURRENT KAWERAU COVID-19 TRAFFIC LIGHT SETTING: **RED**



## From the Mayor

We are now experiencing Covid-19 in the community.

Numbers of positive cases are rising nationwide, and we can expect the same here in our district.

Having moved to phase three of the Covid-19 Protection Framework we must all start to prepare for managing Covid-19 safely at home.

It is pleasing that Kawerau's vaccination rates are nearing 90%. Vaccination clinics are still operating in the Concert Chambers and also as a drive-through at the Rec Centre.

Testing has been ramped up and will continue to be available. The advice is that if you are feeling unwell, please go and get tested.

Preparing for someone to have Covid-19 in your household means that you will all need

to isolate for 10 days. This is to help slow the spread of Omicron and to reduce the pressure on the health system.

As we prepare for Omicron cases to increase in Kawerau, the My Vaccine Pass requirements at the Council Offices, i-SITE and pools will remain in place.

Meanwhile, Council is working hard to ensure that we continue to provide essential services and continue to manage projects and planning for the new financial year in 2022/23.

Please contact Council by phone on 07 306 9009 for any queries about how we can assist if you are not able to come in to the offices.

- Malcolm Campbell

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## COVID-19 VACCINATION AND TESTING

First and second vaccinations, boosters and the paediatric vaccine for 5 to 11-year-olds available. Walk-in clinics.

Parents/Caregivers – please allow extra time with your 5 to 11-year-olds. To book, please call 0800 829 001.

The health team is happy to answer questions about the vaccine or you can visit COVID19.govt.nz for the facts

### COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters

Clinics are every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Concert Chambers

- Monday - 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Wednesday - 1.00pm - 7.00pm
- \*Saturday - 10.00am - 3.00pm

\* Note – As case numbers rise clinics may be moved to drive-in clinics for everyone's safety. To check contact Council on 07 306 9009

### COVID-19 Testing

Feeling māiui / sick?

Need to get a COVID-19 test but don't know where to go?

Give Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau Hauora a call on 07 323 8047 to make an appointment with one of their trained nurses.

## 'MY VACCINE PASS' REQUIREMENTS ARE NOW IN PLACE



As of 21 February 2022 'My Vaccine Pass' requirements are now in place at all indoor-staffed venues and the pools.

Council has followed Government advice based on the best available scientific and medical evidence throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of our staff, customers and the wider community is paramount.

More information on Council's decision, a list of Questions and Answers and information about how to access services is available on the website at [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Council encourages people to contact our Customer Services Officers on 07 306 9009 or email [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz) to discuss how we can assist you with your needs. Council already has a wide range of services available via the website: you can pay your rates, dog registration fees, fine or fees over the phone with your credit or debit card or on the website.

**For any queries about service, please contact Council on 07 306 9009**

## COUNCIL OFFICES AND NEIGHBOURING COUNCIL OFFICES (FORMERLY ANZ)

The District Office and Library will be closing for one hour each day between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

Both the Pools and i-SITE will remain open.

This closure is temporarily in place to ensure both security and Council staff are able to take their lunch breaks.

The phones will still be operating throughout this closure period. If you need to contact Council, please call us on 07 306 9009.

This will only be a temporary measure while we support the Government's health initiatives due to the pandemic. We look forward to getting back to the 'new normal' just as quickly as everyone else.

## WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT

The drinking water pipe replacement project continues in the town centre area.

This project was part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan that we received overwhelming community support to complete.

There may be some short-term disruption to water supply as the project is completed. In conjunction with the contractors, we will do our best to give businesses and residents a heads up prior to any disruption (which should be minimal).

Council will be looking to borrow for the next phase of replacement work in the coming 2022-2023 year.



## CRUSHED CONCRETE FOR SALE

Council is selling crushed concrete aggregate for \$10/m<sup>3</sup> at the Transfer Station.

Diameter/s of crushed concrete: mixed 20-40mm

Possible uses for the crushed concrete are driveways/hard stands, concrete base course and aggregate for concrete mixes.

Council will assist residents load their truck/or trailer to the allowable weights. Note: Council does not take responsibility if individuals take overweight loads.

For more information please contact the Transfer Station 07 323 9035 or visit the team at 295 River Road Kawerau between 12 noon and 4.00pm.

## KAWERAU BREAST SCREENING SERVICE

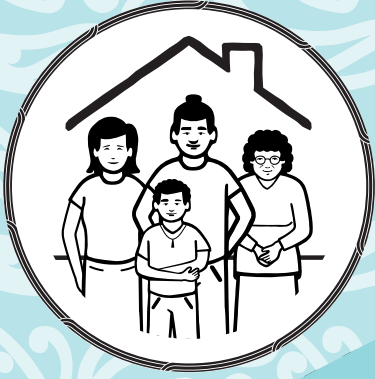
A breast screening service will be available in Kawerau from 7 March to 8 April 2022. The service will take place at Kawerau Medical Centre on Islington Street. For more information please call 0800 270 200.

**Kawerau**  
Breast screening service  
**7 March to 8 April 2022**  
Kawerau Medical Centre carpark  
Islington Street, Kawerau

*Tangata ako ana i te kāenga,  
te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana  
A person nurtured in the community  
contributes strongly to society*

**FREEPHONE 0800 270 200**

BreastScreen MIDLAND | Aroha UU Aroha UU | FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [www.timetoscreen.nz](http://www.timetoscreen.nz)



# KETE WHĀNAU

## Safely navigate your whānau through COVID-19 in your Home

### PREPARING FOR COVID-19

Now is a good time to make a plan in case you or a whānau member contracts COVID-19.

#### Kōrero

- Have a kōrero about what it will mean if someone in your whare tests positive.
- Explain the importance of keeping a safe distance if this happens.

#### Planning for your whānau:

- Who in your whānau are the most vulnerable?
- How will you contact whānau, friends and neighbours if you or someone gets COVID-19?
- Who is going to pick up and drop off food and supplies? Your medicines etc?
- Check what you have at home already

#### Things to Do:

- Prepare an isolation space in your whare. This means a separate bedroom and bathroom if possible.
- If the above is not possible, there is support available from Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau Hauora or the District Health Board
- Shop for kai, wai and hygiene products. Think about what else you need?
- Restock prescription medicines if you need to.
- Get your COVID-19 vaccination.

#### Be Safe Out There

- Wear a mask in the community.
- Use the COVID-19 tracer app.
- Wash, dry and sanitise your hands regularly.
- Stay away from homes that have positive cases.
- Keep your house ventilated by opening your windows. The virus likes enclosed spaces.
- Sanitise surfaces in your home.

## Feeling māiuiui / sick? What if you test positive?

### If you think you have COVID-19, act fast.

- If you feel unwell, do not share a bed with others
- Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 and follow their advice
- Get a Covid-19 test and self-isolate at your address and ensure other members of your household also stay home and isolate with you
- Need a test? Give Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau Hauora a call on 07 323 8047 to make an appointment with one of their trained nurses.
- If you test positive, update your details on your My Covid record online, or call 0800 222 478 (option 3) to register your positive.
- You will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Your whanau members need to take a test on Day 3 and Day 10.
- More information is available <https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-tracing/contact-tracing/household-contacts/>
- Let others know who you have been in close contact with. (This is people who don't live with you). These close contacts need to self-monitor (they can continue to go to work or school) and need to take a test on day 5
- More info is available online <https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-tracing/contact-tracing/close-contacts/>

## Phase 3 of the Covid-19 Omicron protection framework

### What this means for our community is:

- Only household contacts, the highest risk contacts need to isolate
- We will now be using RATS the RAPID Antigen Tests, which are self-testing kits that give results in 15 minutes
- RATS are being used now at the Community Testing centres and soon at your Doctors (GPs), pharmacies for symptomatic people or close contacts
- Anyone who tests positive for the virus will still need to isolate for 10 days
- Household contacts (everyone who lives in that house) will need to isolate until the person who is positive completes 10 days of isolation.
- All the household contacts need to get a test on day three and day eight (if you have symptoms test immediately)
- Close contacts who don't live with the positive case need to self-monitor (for symptoms) and get tested on day 5 or earlier if they are showing symptoms (feeling unwell)
- Get in touch with people you have been in contact with
- Reach out for help and support if you need to

## Important Contacts Covid-19

1. For urgent or emergency care call 111
2. If you have a healthcare provider such as a Doctor (GP) or Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora you can phone them
3. Or phone Healthline on 0800 611 116 for health advice
4. If you're not sure who to call, contact the East Bay health navigator team between 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week on 0800 633 277

