



COVID UPDATES



TE KAPU Ō WAITAHA
He Ao Hou

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TKOW FUNDS COVID CO-ORDINATOR

The Trustees have recently funded Hinearoha Ahomiro as a dedicated co-ordinator for whanau living on Manoeka Rd, during COVID Level 3 - 2.

The funding ensures that whanau have access to support, resources, and information during this period.

Hinearoha will also be networking with NMO and other Providers, who provide specialized services to whanau and the wider community.

KIA KAHA, VACCINATE!

While recent reports show a rise in people getting vaccinated, there is a big push to encourage whanau to get their vaccinations.

IF YOU LIVE LOCALLY AND WISH TO REGISTER FOR A VACCINATION CALL: **TE MANU TOROA ON 027 577 4174**

EMERGENCY NEEDS

The Trust can help with kai vouchers, information, and support for whanau with emergency needs. If you need help

CALL US ON 07 5735314

WHANAU LIVING AWAY FROM HOME

The Trust continues to make contact with our most vulnerable living away from home. In most cases they do not have access to the same level of support, and are reliant on immediate whanau living in the same area.

We have also contacted those students living away from home, who are flatting, returned home, and had job loss due to COVID.

The Trust remains supportive to **all whanau** who need extra help, and or information.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The Trust is part of community response forums. This involves key community, social, and health providers including Local Government Emergency services.

To name a few, Nga Kakano, Poutiri Trust, Western Bay of Plenty Civil Defence and Emergency Services, Te Puke Hub, COLAB, Manaaki ora, and other iwi. These networks are important and play a huge role in supporting

whole of community. An example of this is the HUB who supplies kai to Health Providers for distribution like Poutiri Trust and others. The HUB relies on the good will of its volunteers, they also supply lunches to schools.

As the levels drop, more focus will turn to a recovery phase where people have been affected by the loss of jobs, stress and hardship.



IWI EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

It will be important to develop an iwi response plan, not only for COVID but for any emergency.

We will be putting together a team to progress this in the next couple of months. If you would like to contribute to the planning and discussion, please call us on 07 573 5314 .

LOBBYING GOVERNMENT The Trust has been advocating change through direct contact with Government. We realize along with other providers that while some support is available there are still many gaps. This includes things like food price increases during lock down, and other impacts. We will continue to push for change where it can make a difference for whanau.