

Kaikōura Health Update 24th August 2021

Our local healthcare team have been working hard at Kaikōura Health Te Hā O Te Ora, to ensure that the community is kept as safe as possible. We all have an important role to help keep everyone safe.

We are open and available to care for you. However we need you to call first before coming into the facility so you can be screened to establish how you should be seen. If you are asked to come in for an appointment please park in the top carpark and call reception to let us know you are there. We will then call you to come in as soon as the nurse or doctor is ready.

To book an appointment phone Kaikōura Healthcare 03 319 3501. After hours please call 03 319 3501 and our after-hours provider will assess and, if appropriate, contact the on call doctor who will advise whether or not you need to come in to the facility to be seen. If you do need to be seen then the doctor will arrange to meet you at the facility. Please wait in your car until the doctor or nurse on duty calls you in.

Face Covering

As with entry to all other enclosed public spaces and essential services you must wear a mask or appropriate face covering when you visit our facility.

COVID-19 tracer app

You must ensure that you scan the tracer QR code on entry to the facility. We also have a manual sign in option for those unable to use the app.

COVID-19 testing

If you have a cough, fever, sore throat or flu-like symptoms call Healthline's free COVID -19 line on 0800 358 5453. If Healthline advise you to contact your GP then please phone Kaikōura Healthcare on 03 319 3501 and let them know that you have these symptoms. **Please do not come into the health centre without phoning ahead.** If you come into the facility with ANY of these symptoms, you will be asked to return to your vehicle until a nurse or doctor can assess you. If you call after hours our triage provider will let you know when to call and book a COVID-19 test or will transfer you to our on call doctor.

If you call during hours you will then be booked into one of the clinics and given instructions on where you need to go and what you need to do.

Testing times:

Monday-Friday between 11am-1pm

Over the weekend we swab for those that meet a 'high suspicion' criteria only.

If you are unwell stay at home and isolate until you can have a test at the next available clinic.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

We want to thank people for their patience during this challenging period. It's really encouraging to see the community's willingness to come forward to be vaccinated to help protect themselves, their whānau and their community. Our stats are looking great!

We appreciate the support of the volunteers from Kaikōura Māori Wardens and staff from Te Tai O Marokura and Kaikōura District Council who have all assisted us with the smooth running of these clinics.

In Kaikōura we've now vaccinated over 2085 people with their first doses and over 1540 with their second - a total of over 3625 vaccinations provided.

In addition, we have 267 bookings for people to have their first dose vaccination, and 744 bookings for second doses.

Current data also shows that 84% of our population aged 75 + years are fully vaccinated and 3% are in progress, while in those aged 65-74 years 77% are fully vaccinated and 10% are in progress. The data also shows that 100% of Māori people aged 75 + years are fully vaccinated.

All Kaikōura residents are welcome to book on the booking website listed below.

Link: <https://book.vaccine.covid19.health.nz>

Access code: **BUSRWQGO86** The character after the G is the letter o not zero. You MUST enter the access code or the Kaikōura clinic will not show up. Enter Kai in the address section and select Kaikōura from the drop box.

Children aged 12-15 years can now be vaccinated if an eligible parent is also being vaccinated, but they need to be booked in at the same time as their parent, otherwise they will be able to be vaccinated after 1st September 2021.

If you are booked in for a vaccination, please note we are limited as to how many vehicles we can have waiting under observation in the top car park so please be patient. You will be asked to pull over on the left hand side of Deal Street to queue for your vaccination and will be called up as space is available.

We are supported in this work by the volunteers from Kaikōura Māori Wardens. Please listen to the instructions of the Māori Wardens and we will work together to get your vaccinations completed as soon as possible. Once you have had your vaccination, if you are with another person you will return to your vehicle where you are required to stay for 15 minutes. You will be checked regularly by our team. If you come on your own for the vaccination then you will be asked to wait inside the facility for the 15 minute observation time.

Please wear a face covering in your car and in the facility while you are here to be vaccinated. We thank you in advance for your patience.