



Papatoetoe Central Main Street Society

WAGE SUBSIDY EXTENSION

COVID-19 Latest Announcement

It was announced at 6pm Tuesday that Auckland and the Coromandel Peninsula will move to Alert Level 4 for seven days starting 11.59pm August 17. The rest of New Zealand will enter Level 4 for a minimum of three days.

If you feel unwell, please visit your nearest Community Testing Centre, call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/south-auckland/papatoetoe/>

Please abide by Government Guidelines.

- Stay home - only leave when absolutely necessary (for food supplies or exercise)
- When outside your bubble you must wear a mask and keep a 2m distance.
- Keep to your bubble. Those completely isolated can join one other person's bubble.
- Keep on scanning your QR codes whenever you leave home.
- Practice good hygiene - wash your hands often.

During Alert Level 4, guidance from the Government and Ministry of Health stipulates that Council can still provide essential services, but non-essential operations must cease for the safety of staff and the community.

During these times essential businesses must operate cautiously and have an effective infection control policy to minimise the spread of the virus. That includes identifying and assessing the infection hazards at the workplace and implementing specific controls can help eliminate or minimise the risk of transmission.

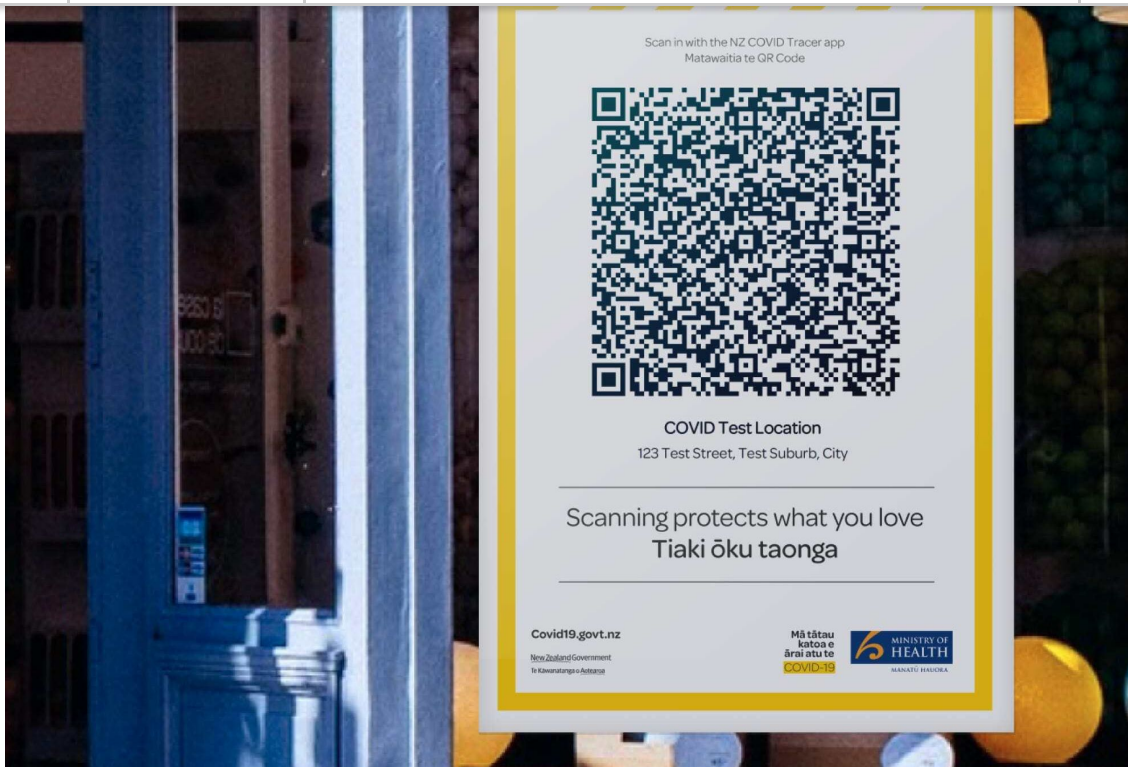
These may include mask wearing, physical distancing, regular handwashing with soap and the use of hand-sanitiser. Appropriate routine environmental cleaning and disinfection should occur regularly at all workplaces.

COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021

The Government has announced that a wage subsidy will be available to businesses impacted by New Zealand moving to COVID-19 Alert Level 4 on 17 August 2021.

It will be available to all New Zealand businesses and self-employed people that meet eligibility criteria. Applications will be open from 9am on Friday 20 August 2021 for two weeks. You can register for an email update using the [Wage Subsidy enquiry form](#).

Work and income will continue to update their website as information becomes available. The COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021 is a payment for employers to keep paying staff and protect jobs.



COVID-19 Contact Tracing QR Code Poster

All workplaces and businesses legally must display an NZ COVID Tracer QR code for each location. This applies at all Alert Levels.

Having a QR code poster makes it easy for your guests to keep track of where they have been. You can choose to have a QR code poster if you are organising an event or gathering, if you are organising transport, or if you have visitors.

- You should generate a different QR code poster for each unique location or vehicle.
- You can print many copies of the same QR code poster to put in one location.

Create your QR posters here <https://qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz/> and protect your business and your visitors.

Any retailer requires assistance with the printing out of the Contact Tracing QR code poster for their shop, please contact Town Centre manager Rana Judge on [027 274 6401](tel:0272746401). Rana is happy to assist businesses with the printing.

Additionally, a free helpline service is available for Auckland businesses by the Auckland Council. It offers you specific advice and access to government support, and what the change in alert levels means for your business.



Covid-19 Vaccines

Vaccines have been a hot topic in the community recently, as it should be. Papatoetoe Town centre is lucky to have two vaccine centres to help locals get the shots conveniently. Papatoetoe Family Doctors & Unichem Papatoetoe Pharmacy are working collegially providing COVID-19 vaccines to the community.

We have recently attended COVID-19 vaccination hui, to better understand and inform Otara community about the vaccine roll-out. The Government's vaccination programme is for everyone over 16, regardless of immigration status or whether people are registered with the public health system. There is enough vaccine for everyone, in every community and we do not want anyone to miss out.

The key things to pass on are from the session:

- Vaccine will help keep our communities safe
- Vaccine is available for everyone over 16, regardless of immigration status
- People do not have to be registered with the public health system
- When it is their turn, people can book online at [Book My Vaccine | Ministry of Health NZ \(covid19.health.nz\)](#), or by calling [0800 28 29 26](#).

To make your booking click the button below:

[Book your vaccine here](#)



Old Papatoetoe Masterplan is Progressing

Papatoetoe Business Association's objective is to assist and guide the development and advancement of the commercial interests of people and businesses in the Papatoetoe Town Centre through a co-ordinated, structured, and measurable communications, marketing, and economic development programme.

What's new? Eke Panuku have recently introduce the Old Papatoetoe Masterplan and are keen to discuss it with you at their community feedback sessions. Eke Panuka has been working on future-proofing Old Papatoetoe since the start of 2017, and having made a few key developments moves already, they are now ready to firm up the masterplan.



Connecting the Town Centre

The issue of some motorists using Tavern Lane as a crafty shortcut has been addressed, which causes traffic congestion where there should be none. As such, Panuku is working with Auckland Transport to address this issue.

To ease congestion at the St George Street / Shirley Road intersection, they will be closing the traffic connection to St George Street from Tavern Lane (which is technically not a road, but a driveway). Walking and cycling access will be kept open.

Also proposed is an extension of Cambridge Terrace to meet Stadium Lane. This will streamline travel between Puhinui Road and the town centre by making it easier to walk and cycle though.

Meanwhile, the freshly reopened Puhinui Station provides fast, frequent, and easy connections to the city centre and the airport. This new station will shorten the travel time to 10 minutes to the airport, 23 minutes to Manukau, and around 30 minutes to Auckland City.

Businesses of the Month



Here at Papatoetoe Town Centre, **Flaming Tandoor** are steadily striving to improve their service and quality in order to give their customers the very best experience. As a result, they are finally proud to unveil and introduce their latest improvement, the new online ordering website! This digitalisation is highly acknowledged by the Town Centre as it uplifts the quality of service provided to the community through local businesses.

Visit them here: <https://www.theflamingtandoor.nz/>



Another shoutout goes to **BFF Boutique** who has been operating in Papatoetoe town centre for almost 2 years now and has upgraded their services to online orders for improved customer service. You can shop online from the comfort of your space or indulge in retail therapy at the Papatoetoe Boutique. With them you are guaranteed same terms & conditions and consumer policies on both platforms. Their engagement to their customer through digital channels is truly what uplifts the town centre as a trendy place for locals to shop.

Visit them here: <https://www.bffboutique.co.nz/>

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