

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING E-UPDATE



October 2021

Kia ora koutou

As you will imagine, it is an incredibly busy time just now for the HSW Team with team members balancing as many “business as usual” activities with COVID-19 support: supporting both the University response via IMT, and the Business Continuity response in the Faculties and Service Divisions. This is all subject to review and change with every new alert level, phase within an alert level or new initiative or rule.

Whilst we will continue to support all areas of the University, we have been deferring non-urgent work and delaying new initiatives to accommodate the COVID response. We ask for your patience in this.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy

A draft policy was posted for consultation from 9 September to 4 October. Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation – there were 125 responses. Vaccination has proved (and I’m sure will continue to prove) a highly emotive topic. The team is still working through the comments, and we will respond individually.

University of Auckland Pop Up Vaxathon Vaccination Event

Over the weekend, the University of Auckland in partnership with Campus Pharmacy joined the National Super Saturday drive to encourage our community to get the jab.

A large number of the 825 vaccinated are now fully vaccinated, and it was awesome to see others there who came along for their first dose.

A huge thank you to Property Services, Connect, Campus Life, Event Team and Krispy Kreme for helping bring some magic to this event.



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Why get vaccinated?

Vaccination is our best line of defence to combat Covid-19, and for Auckland to reach 90 percent vaccination we still need 20,000 Aucklanders to be vaccinated.

You will have seen how difficult it is to contain the current Delta variant outbreak, as every day we see it spreading across our City.

Please note, advice from the Ministry of Health is that vaccination will give you greater protection against catching Covid-19. And if you do contract Covid-19 after you've been fully vaccinated, you will experience milder symptoms from the virus.

For those of you who remain nervous and hesitant about receiving the vaccine your questions about COVID 19 vaccine please go to the [Government's Covid-19 website](#).

The UniChem Pharmacy in Kate Edger Information Commons is also administering Covid-19 vaccinations. If you were unable to attend the pop-up event, or need to follow-up for your second vaccine, you can also get vaccinated on campus there.



Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th October 2021



Contact the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Service for information, guidance and support.

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UoA Alert emergency alert test - 20 October 2021

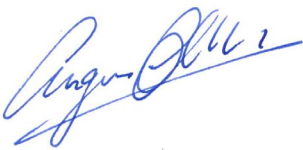
On Wednesday 20 October at 12pm (noon), the University will be testing its *UoA Alert* emergency notification system with staff and students. If you have not yet downloaded the *UoA Alert app*, you can do so via this link: [UoA Alert](#). This app gives instant access to a wealth of emergency information. It will also allow you to take part in the test and ensure you receive immediate alerts in the case of a real emergency.

ShakeOut Drills

ShakeOut takes place in vulnerable areas across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. Wherever you are at 9.30am on 28 October 2021, you can take part in the drill. Just **Drop, Cover and Hold** for up to one minute.

More can be found in [New Zealand ShakeOut](#) webpage.

This and previous issues of the HSW e-update are available [here](#). As usual, if you have any query on anything related to health, safety or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us on hsw@auckland.ac.nz. Similarly, if you have any suggestions as to topics you would like us to cover in future e-updates, please get in touch.



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