

21 August 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

Kia ora tatau,

As has been announced by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, the whole of New Zealand will remain in lockdown until midnight Tuesday 24 August.

During this period of lockdown Te Runanga o Ngati Whare kaimahi will continue to work from home. The Runanga can be contacted on 07 3665 690 & 0800 844 855.

As always whanau, continue to observe Covid-19 Alert Level 4 protocols and stay safe.

Mauri ora.



Lance Taurua
Chairperson

BOP Police Update.

Recent discussion between Iwi entities and senior Police members has both been positive and informative. Some of the main discussions points have included:

- **Checkpoints** – under Level 4, checkpoints whether they were Iwi or community led were not permitted, and with that no one should be setting up Checkpoints. To provide reassurance and confidence, and especially to those communities where check-points were set up last year, there will be a consistent presence of police patrols whose purpose will be to stop unnecessary movement/travel.
- **Welfare/ Wellbeing** –Due to the highly contagious Delta variant being faced now, Police will be more vigilant around travel and movements. With that, individuals that are used to deliver care packages, to conduct welfare checks, etc, must be classed as ‘Essential Workers’. This will avoid any potential situation later on.

Messaging – From a Police perspective, the messaging to their staff when stopping cars, dealing with our communities, will encompass that as referred to as the 4E’s – Engage, Educate, Encourage and Enforce. First and foremost, it will be about positive engagement, advising of the need for individual compliance (to keep everyone safe), encourage each one to comply ...and only then if there is still no compliance, will there be a need to take enforcement action.