## **Media Release**

## **New Hibiscus Coast vaccination centre opens**

Hibiscus Coast residents can now head down to their new, local vaccination centre in Orewa, which opens today, 30 September.

Managed by Waitematā DHB, the centre is the latest in a suite of vaccination options throughout the North Shore and Rodney areas.

"The opening of the Orewa centre is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that the communities we serve, have the opportunity to get vaccinated," Waitematā DHB Chief Executive Dr Dale Bramley said.

The vaccination team that was working at the temporary Dairy Flat drive-through centre for the past few weeks, have been relocated to work at Orewa.

"We know that creating vaccine opportunities that are close-to-home and as easy as possible for people to get to, is key to removing barriers to access and ultimately, making sure our population is safe," Dr Bramley said.

"The Dairy Flat centre proved popular for that very reason and we hope to continue this momentum at Orewa."

NRHCC programme director, Matt Hannant, said Orewa is one of 17 community vaccination centres currently operating across metro Auckland. No appointment is required at any of these sites.

"It's vital that we continue to open up access to vaccination for people living right across Auckland. We're pleased to offer a new option for people on the Hibiscus Coast," Hannant said.

Located at the Orewa Service Centre, 50 Centreway Road, the Orewa vaccination centre is open from Wednesday to Sunday each week from 8.30am, with the last appointment at 3pm.

No appointment is necessary however, people who would still prefer to book their appointment, can do so by visiting bookmyvaccine.nz

For more information on other vaccination centres and their opening hours, visit <u>vaccinateforauckland.nz</u>

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**Note:** The Northland and Auckland DHBs are operating a regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC).









