

Pro-Vaccine Stance for Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

Ki te kotahi te kakaho ka whati, ki te kapuia e kore e whati:

(Alone we can be broken. Standing together, we are invincible).

Ending this pandemic is critical for our youth and our communities. Throughout the pandemic the Award team here in Aotearoa has taken a principled approach to ensuring that we can continue to provide our rangatahi the opportunities to discover and grow. We all now have the opportunity to take a stance that reinforces that commitment to our communities and each other. Public health officials continue to advocate strongly for vaccination as the most critical step to bringing the pandemic to an end, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award supports this position. Our amazing young people need more than ever to get back to doing what they love. Vaccination will help us get there.

The evolving pandemic, the significant up-take of vaccinations across the country and the undeniable results of cases showing unvaccinated individuals are our most vulnerable, all demonstrate the value of supporting the Nationwide target of 90% vaccination. Protecting our communities (and ourselves) is also in keeping with our core values of being responsible citizens and civic leaders within our communities. At the Award Aotearoa, we believe the health and safety of our youth and adult members is priority #1, and a responsibility for all to share. Here at the Award, we want to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and follow through on our promise to take action for a better world.

There are lots of amazing initiatives and drives to support the community building our immunity, so if you are interested go along and check them out.

- <https://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/vaccinate-greater-wellington/super-saturday/>
- <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19-vaccination/>
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/walk-in-and-drive-through-vaccination-centres/>
- <https://vaccinatecanterburywestcoast.nz/covid-19-vaccination-clinics-in-christchurch-canterbury-west-coast/>