



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

A letter to all public servants,

In times of need the Public Service stands ready to support New Zealand

Every day as public servants, you put the interests of New Zealanders at the forefront of everything you do. And right now, getting vaccinated is the most important public service you can perform.

This year I set an expectation that all public servants who could get vaccinated, would get vaccinated, and our Chief Executives have been supporting you to do this.

I want to thank all of you who have already been vaccinated. For those of you who haven't yet, I urge you to do so without delay.

But my message to everyone is that the job is not done yet.

I am asking you to lend your support to get New Zealand vaccinated. It has been an incredible effort to get us to this point, and now we all need to make sure no-one is left behind.

Please reach out and support your colleagues, whānau, families and communities to get vaccinated. It can be as simple as being open about your own experience, having an honest conversation with someone who is hesitating, or offering a small act of support.

You can access resources to help you with those conversations [here](#) and answers to common questions about the vaccine [here](#) on the Unite Against COVID website.

We know that every positive act to encourage vaccination helps, and this is a public service that we can all perform.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi | With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Hughes'.

Peter Hughes (he/him)
Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commissioner | Head of Service