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## **New Website for Pacific Communities to Fight COVID-19**

A new website dedicated to providing information for Pacific communities across New Zealand is being launched today to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

PreparePacific.nz is supported by Counties Manukau Health, Auckland District Health Board, Waitematā District Health Board, Northland District Health Board, Ministry of Health and The Cause Collective.

The aim of the site is to provide up-to-date and relevant information that supports the fight against COVID-19 but in a one-stop shop portal and from Pacific perspectives.

Counties Manukau CE, Fepulea'i Margie Apa says Pacific peoples are faced with a lot of mixed messages about Covid19, and PreparePacific.nz will help them find what they need in one place.

"Our Pacific communities told us they have to look at many different sources to find information which at times is difficult to understand," says Apa. "We listened to their insights and designed PreparePacific.nz around their needs."

Features include panels in Pacific Island languages, health messages from Pacific doctors, contacts for family and sexual violence, financial support information and a list of essential services and Pacific providers. The work is underpinned by the latest health information from the Ministry of Health and various District Health Boards.

The website also supports Pacific communities through the Facebook page #PreparePacific.

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