

# An Open Letter

From Myra, ASU Member and Disability Worker



**I got the vaccination because I want to make sure that we are all fine and this is the only thing that will help us.** My family is overseas in New Zealand and Samoa. I got the vaccination so I can go back home to see my auncles, aunties, nieces, nephews and cousins. We want to try to get back to normal but we have to live our lives with COVID and at the same time be protected. Having the vaccination will keep us from dying. We need to try to enjoy life.

**There's a lot of misinformation on social media that is creating fear.** My cousins are anti-vaccination. If you think you can just apply for another job, there is a blanket rule now. No jab no job - it's as simple as that. Please think about your family and your mortgages. I took the vaccination to put my family first, and to ensure that I can continue to provide quality care to the participants I love.

**We Pacific Islanders are family orientated. We come from big families. Church is our biggest love and we congregate. We are always connecting with the community.** God is our number one. Being vaccinated means that we as Pacific Islanders can continue to congregate and continue to connect with the community. We love gatherings and we love getting together with our families. We go to church to do activities. We love signing, dancing, going to the beach and group BBQs.

As Pacific Islanders we get vaccinated because we believe in God. Getting vaccinated will allows us to continue to come together, to meet in church and to congregate with each other and our families. We want to have a normal life as much as we can, we can only congregate as a community if we are fully vaccinated. Getting the vaccination will let us continue our lives and our culture as Pacific Islanders.

**I know many of us are missing our families. COVID has separated us from our big families.**

**If you are not vaccinated you could pass COVID onto your family members. We have to be vaccinated to protect our families.**

Book your vaccine:  
<https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/>



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