

Our COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan

We have a plan to provide a free vaccine to protect everyone in Aotearoa.

Some of us are more at risk of getting really sick or even dying from COVID-19. The best way to protect you, your kaumātua and whānau is to get vaccinated.

GROUP 1

Protect our border and MIQ workers



50,000¹

- Border and MIQ employers and employees and the people they live with.
- This group includes cleaners, nurses who undertake health checks in MIQ, security staff, customs and border officials, hotel workers, defence and police staff who are eligible to be rotated into MIQ, airline staff, port authorities and vaccinators.

- Border and MIQ workers are most at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- We need to protect them and the people they live with.
- Vaccinating these people first also potentially reduces the risk of transmission in the community.



- Workers get the vaccine at or near places of employment.
- The people they live with are invited to get their vaccine at a range of places.

GROUP 2

Protect our high-risk frontline workers and people living in high-risk places



480,000¹

- High-risk frontline healthcare workforces who are most likely to contract and/or spread COVID-19 through their interaction with patients.³
- Any person who usually lives in long-term residential care where residents are at risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19.
- All people working in long-term residential environments where people are at risk of getting very sick or dying from COVID-19.
- Older Māori and Pacific people cared for by whānau (and the people they live with and their carers).
- Any person who is aged 65+ or has a relevant underlying health condition⁴ or disability living in the Counties Manukau DHB area.

- Frontline healthcare and disability workers are at greater risk of getting COVID-19, or spreading it to people most at risk.
- People in long-term residential care, and older Māori and Pacific people living with their whānau in the community, have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19 and getting very sick or dying.
- International evidence has shown that COVID-19 can spread quickly through long-term residential care facilities. We need to protect the people living and working in them.
- There are many border operations and MIQ facilities based in the Counties Manukau DHB district. We need to protect the people living there who are at the greatest risk of getting very sick or dying from COVID-19.



- Workers get the vaccine at or near places of employment.
- Workers and residents in long-term residential environments get the vaccine at or near their facility.
- Māori and Pacific providers offer the vaccine to older people who live with their whānau, and their households and carers, at locations in their communities.
- Different options, including community clinics and pop-up centres available in the Counties Manukau DHB district.

GROUP 3

Protect the people who are at risk of getting very sick from COVID-19



1,700,000¹

- People in New Zealand aged 65+, people with relevant underlying health conditions⁴, and disabled people.
- Adults in custodial settings.

- We know that age and certain underlying health conditions and disabilities mean that it is much more likely that people will get very sick if they catch COVID-19.
- International evidence has shown that COVID-19 can spread quickly among people in custody.



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GROUP 4

Protect everyone



2,000,000¹

- Our general population aged 16 and over.
- Note the 16+ requirement relates to the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine as per Medsafe approval so far.*

We want to empower everyone in Aotearoa with the opportunity to protect themselves, their whānau and our communities by getting vaccinated against COVID-19.



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¹ Estimates are approximate and may be revised.

² Start dates are indicative only and depend on vaccine delivery schedules, and ongoing operational modelling.

³ Frontline healthcare workers include those who are interacting directly with patients, potential COVID-19 cases and/or potential COVID-19 samples.

⁴ This includes coronary heart disease, hypertension, stroke, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/chronic respiratory conditions, kidney disease and cancer. While it is not a health condition, pregnant people are also included.