



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme: Sequencing Framework Update

Portfolios **COVID-19 Response / Health / Associate Health (Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall and Hon Peeni Henare)**

On 1 March 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 New Zealand has secured a portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines for 14.91 million courses through four Advance Purchase Arrangements [CAB-20-MIN-0508];
 - 1.2 while sufficient quantities of vaccines have been purchased, supplies of COVID-19 vaccines available are currently constrained, and are likely to continue to be for some time, depending on global supply and demand;
- 2 **noted** that the COVID-19 Immunisation Programme is underpinned by the principles of equity, wellbeing and legacy while upholding and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- 3 **noted** that the purpose of the Sequencing Framework is to ensure the right people are vaccinated at the right time with the right vaccine while upholding and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 on 7 December 2020, Cabinet agreed to a Sequencing Framework that guides allocation of vaccine when supply is limited [CAB-20-MIN-0509];
 - 4.2 on 2 February 2021, Cabinet agreed to an updated Sequencing Framework, in which Tier 1 included workers closest to the border and their household contacts [CAB-21-MIN-0011];
- 5 **agreed** that Tier 2(a) of the Sequencing Framework focus on frontline (non-border) health workers potentially exposed to COVID-19 while providing care;
- 6 **invited** the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Prime Minister and other portfolio Ministers as appropriate, to provide further advice to Cabinet on 8 March 2021 on the update of the Sequencing Framework.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet