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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 19 May 2026. You requested:

*“Also I request any ministerial briefings to ministers regarding the meeting on the Friday 13th of August 2021. In particular briefing to Jacinda Ardern, Andrew Little and Chris Hipkins.”*

We have interpreted this request to be seeking documents tabled at the Vaccine Ministers Meeting on 13 August 2021. Released to you is a copy of the pack of papers attached to the agenda of that meeting, including the agenda. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the public interest in the release of this information and do not deem it to outweigh the need to withhold it in this case.

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**Public Health Agency and Mental Health**

## VACCINE MINISTERS MEETING – FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2021

Meeting Agenda Items			
Date	Friday 13 August 2021, 1.30pm – 2.15pm		
Main items	1: Programme Overview – general update 2: Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval for 40-49 Age band “go live”</li> <li>• Pfizer Advance Purchase Agreement</li> <li>• Cabinet paper narrative</li> </ul> 3: Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the decision to use for 12-15 year olds</li> <li>• Port Workers</li> <li>• Workplace vaccinations</li> </ul> 4: For information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care scale up</li> <li>• Milestones for the coming fortnight</li> </ul>		
Time	Location	Attendees	
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Zoom	<b>Chair:</b> Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance; Minister of Infrastructure Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Associate Minister of Health Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Health Hon Peeni Henare, Associate Minister of Health	
#	Time	Agenda Item	Recommendations
1	1.30pm	General update and the week ahead	
		This item will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccinations administered this week</li> <li>• Current levels of vaccine supply in stock</li> <li>• Active and future bookings by DHB</li> </ul> Supporting documents: Weekly report 1.1 and 1.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Note</b> vaccinations administered this week and the projections for the coming week.</li> <li>2. <b>Note</b> the current level of vaccine supply in stock.</li> <li>3. <b>Note</b> the active and future bookings by DHB.</li> </ol>
FOR DECISION			
2	1.35pm	Approval for 40-49 year old age band (Group 4) “Go Live”	
		This item will seek: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval to commence invitation for the 40-49 age cohort of Group 4 (the general population) from 18 August 2021 to book their COVID-19 vaccinations.</li> </ul> Supporting documents: Appendix 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Note</b> that good progress has been made booking and vaccinating the first age cohorts.</li> <li>2. <b>Approve</b> the release of invitations to book COVID-19 vaccinations for age cohort in Group 4, 40-49 years, on 18 August 2021.</li> <li>3. <b>Note</b> that there are a number of risks associated with opening this age band in conjunction with the commencement of the 50-54 age band and the announcement of an increase in interval between vaccinations. Mitigation steps will be taken to minimise the risk.</li> </ol>

# AGENDA

3	1.40pm	Pfizer Advance Purchase Agreements	<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the principles for negotiation priorities to prepare an Amendment to the Pfizer advance purchase Agreement for 2022 and 2023.</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Appendix 2</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the principles outlined in the paper.</li> <li><b>Discuss and Agree</b> to the negotiation priorities for the Amendment to the Pfizer Advance Purchase Agreements for 2022 and 2023.</li> <li><b>Agree</b> that negotiations with Pfizer occur in parallel with advice being provided to Cabinet due to the time-sensitive nature of securing COVID-19 vaccine doses for 2022.</li> <li><b>Agree</b> to the negotiation priorities outlines in the paper to guide negotiations with vaccine suppliers for the supply of vaccines in 2022 and outyears, including negotiations with Pfizer.</li> </ol>
4	1.45pm	Cabinet paper narrative	<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update a draft narrative on strategies for vaccine uptake, to be included in the 23 August Cabinet paper.</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Appendix 3</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discuss and Agree</b> the narrative on strategies for uptake to be included in the 23 August Cabinet paper.</li> </ol>
FOR DISCUSSION				
5	1.55pm	Implementing the decision to use for 12-15 year olds	<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the main implementation considerations for the decision to use the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination for 12-15-year olds.</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Appendix 4</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the roll-out of the programme to 12-15-year olds will not be through a school based programme in the first instance.</li> <li><b>Note</b> many new vaccinators providing vaccinations to 12-15-year olds will be required to complete the training module on the consent process for 12-15-year olds.</li> <li><b>Note</b> age appropriate collateral will be developed for 12-15-year olds in time for implementation.</li> </ol>
6	2.00pm	Port Workers	<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on vaccination rates for Port workers within New Zealand; and</li> <li>An overview of work being undertaken by DHB to ensure compliance with the Border Worker Order</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Appendix 5</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the information provided on vaccination rates for Port workers.</li> <li><b>Discuss</b> the approach being taken by DHBs to ensure compliance with the Border Worker Order.</li> </ol>
7	2.05pm	Workplace Vaccinations	<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on Expressions of Interest (EOI) to have a workplace vaccination</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Appendix 6</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note and Discuss</b> the information provided.</li> </ol>

## FOR INFORMATION

8	2.10pm	Primary Care scale up
<p>This item will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on the Primary Care rollout, providing timeframes to onboard more Primary Care sites across DHBs.</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Weekly report section 2.4.4</i></p>		<p>1. <b>Note</b> the forecasted projections for Primary Care sites being onboarded during August 2021.</p>
9	2.15pm	Milestones over the coming fortnight
<p>This item will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an update to Vaccine Ministers of the milestones for the coming fortnight</li> </ul> <p><i>Supporting documents: Weekly report section 2.1</i></p>		<p>1. <b>Note</b> the key milestones and deliverables for the coming fortnight</p>

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# COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Weekly Report

12 August 2021

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# 1. This week

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## 1.1. Delivery against plan this week

Week ending	Plans submitted by DHBs	Actuals
21 February 2021	0	163
28 February 2021	4,491	6,554
7 March 2021	9,929	8,909
14 March 2021	7,295	7,536
21 March 2021	13,880	13,441
28 March 2021	20,695	19,712
4 April 2021	28,305	28,539
11 April 2021	33,397	36,528
18 April 2021	46,115	49,661
25 April 2021	52,051	55,509
2 May 2021	57,591	58,114
9 May 2021	65,064	81,563
16 May 2021	76,011	84,621
23 May 2021	78,782	84,043
30 May 2021	88,326	101,913
6 June 2021	98,358	113,644
13 June 2021	112,723	102,700
20 June 2021	116,409	128,155
27 June 2021	124,426	132,970
4 July 2021	128,104	122,261
11 July 2021	128,047	129,332
18 July 2021	135,372	135,856
25 July 2021	207,700	188,981
1 August 2021	258,236	253,927
8 August 2021	276,676	263,779
15 August 2021	287,391	84,890 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Actuals include Monday and Tuesday only

As at 11:59 pm on 10 August 2021, the programme has administered 2,293,301 vaccinations. To 1 August, the weekly DHB production plans totalled 2,172,187. For the same time period actuals were 2,208,411, or 102% of plan.

## 1.2. Adverse events following immunisation (AEFI)

Up to and including 10 August, we have received 9,544 AEFI reports of which 395 have been classified as serious. In the last seven days we have received two further reports of consumers who have passed away following vaccination. Both reports are currently under investigation, pending further information. The COVID-19 Vaccine Independent Safety Monitoring Board (CV-ISMB) met on 9

August to discuss a death of concern reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) last week. The Board is currently preparing a statement for the Director-General and COVID-19 Vaccine & Immunisation Programme National Director. Other reports of note received in the last seven days include:

- an elderly consumer who developed a pulmonary embolism ~3 weeks after their first dose of the vaccine; consumer was reported as recovering
- report of an elderly consumer who had a stroke ~6 weeks after their second dose of the vaccine; consumer is reported as recovering, however requires ongoing rehabilitation
- report of an 18 year old consumer who developed possible Guillain Barre syndrome (GBS) a couple of days after their first dose of the vaccine; symptoms were reported as ongoing. This case is currently under investigation pending further information
- elderly consumer who had a heart attack ~5 days after their second dose of the vaccine; report received from consumer who indicated that they are recovering

The CV-ISMB will meet again on 18 August for its regular monthly meeting, where cases of note will be presented and discussed. Three potential safety signals for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine currently under investigation by Medsafe will also be presented and discussed (thrombocytopenia, tinnitus and Guillain Barre syndrome). Of note, two new members have recently been appointed to the CV-ISMB; a cardiologist and haematologist (specialising in clotting disorders). This will help support the evaluation of reported adverse events following immunisation in New Zealand and analysis of international evidence.

### 1.3. Average Days between doses

Grouped DHB	Average days between doses
Auckland Metro	25.95
Bay of Plenty	25.29
Canterbury	27.16
Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley	24.58
Hawke's Bay	26.03
Lakes	23.31
Midcentral	23.01
Nelson Marlborough	25.58
Northland	29.18
South Canterbury	22.7
Southern	26.26
Tairāwhiti	22.7
Taranaki	24.61
Waikato	26.02
Wairarapa	23.16
West Coast	23.33
Whanganui	24.63
<b>National</b>	<b>25.73</b>

Time between doses, weekly average and cumulative average



#### 1.4. National Booking system

As at 10 August, 'Book my Vaccine' had 1,015,941 active forward booking across 336 vaccination sites across all DHBs.

DHB Region	Vaccination Sites	Active Future Bookings	Individuals
Auckland	10	83,828	57,078
Bay of Plenty	3	44,612	32,040
Canterbury	37	196,907	125,434
Capital and Coast	23	70,200	49,148
Counties Manukau	9	88,743	71,591
Hawke's Bay	11	22,302	18,905
Hutt	6	40,096	27,840
Lakes	3	12,746	10,965
MidCentral	18	18,287	14,429
Nelson Marlborough	19	28,088	23,865
Northland	6	19,148	14,806
South Canterbury	6	8,884	7,579
Southern	92	97,077	71,677
Tairāwhiti	2	6,945	5,885
Taranaki	9	35,332	24,463
Waikato	44	77,189	56,443
Wairarapa	3	8,214	6,747
Waitemata	7	138,966	98,400
West Coast	11	5,838	4,121
Whanganui	17	12,539	9,864
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,015,941</b>	<b>731,280</b>

## 2. Coming weeks

### 2.1. Summary of fortnight ahead – major milestones

#### Week ending 20 August

Day	Communications and Engagement	Programme
Saturday 14 August	<b>Group 4 (50+) campaign launches (TV, Press – national and community, Radio, digital, social)</b>	
Sunday 15 August	<i>50+ campaign continues</i>	
Monday 16 August	<b>Post-cab press conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly vaccine statistics</li> </ul> <i>50+ campaign continues</i>	
Tuesday 17 August	<i>Final day of 50+ campaign</i>	
Wednesday 18 August	<b>Weekly vaccine stand-up</b> (not in Wellington) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>40+ age band opens</b></li> <li>TBC 1 million fully vaccinated milestone</li> </ul> Minister <i>Direct invitations to 40+</i>	<b>Bookings now open to 40+ age band</b>  <b>TBC 1 million people are fully vaccinated</b>
Thursday 19 August	<b>40+ campaign launches (TV, Radio, digital, social)</b>	
Friday 20 August	<i>40+ campaign continues</i>	

#### Week ending 27 August

Day	Communications	Programme
Saturday 21 August	<i>40+ campaign continues including weekend print advertising.</i>	
Sunday 22 August	<i>40+ campaign continues</i>	
Monday 23 August	<b>Post-cab press conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly vaccine statistics</li> </ul> <i>40+ campaign continues</i>	
Tuesday 24 August	<i>40+ campaign continues</i>	
Wednesday 25 August	<b>Weekly vaccine stand-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>30+ age band opens</b></li> </ul>	<b>Bookings now open to 30+ age band</b>

Day	Communications	Programme
Thursday 26 August	<b>40+ campaign launches (TV, Radio, digital, social)</b>	
Friday 27 August	<i>40+ campaign continues</i>	

## 2.2. Forecast for next week

### Rolling seven-day production plan

DHB	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 August	17 August	Total
Northern	13,415	15,218	14,788	10,209	7,829	12,401	14,566	<b>88,426</b>
Midlands	10,304	11,953	10,949	7,296	2,300	5,225	12,188	<b>60,215</b>
Central	12,208	11,816	10,867	6,851	2,180	6,062	11,596	<b>61,580</b>
Southern	16,231	17,938	14,133	7,814	2,860	10,689	16,202	<b>85,867</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>52,158</b>	<b>56,925</b>	<b>50,737</b>	<b>32,170</b>	<b>15,169</b>	<b>34,377</b>	<b>54,552</b>	<b>296,088</b>

This daily view is based on production plans for the weeks ending 15 and 22 August, pro-rated to days based on historic performance.

### Regional view

#### Northern

Northern DHBs administered 90,915 vaccinations last week, an 9% increase on the previous week (excluding the Vodafone Event Centre mass vaccination event).

- Metro Auckland and Northland DHB continue to engage with the disability community. Metro Auckland has a pop-up vaccination clinic planned with Deaf Aotearoa on 28 – 29 August. Invitations will be distributed together with a film with a clinical immunologist and, a member of the community who is deaf and a sign language interpreter. They are also working with Autism NZ on offering low stimulus times at select vaccination centres. Northland DBH has completed the first dose visits at IDEA Services, with second dose home visits on 23 August and second dose at their hub on 20 August.
- Metro Auckland commenced an outbound calling campaign targeting Pacific peoples invited but not yet booked or vaccinated.
- Metro Auckland is continuing its engagement with Ports of Auckland and will be having an onsite vaccination site at Ferguson Wharf week commencing 23 August 2021.
- Training of vaccination staff in both Covid-19 testing and contact tracing is being undertaken as part of the wider preparedness across the region.

#### Te Manawa Taki (Midlands)

Te Manawa Taki DHBs administered 48,749 vaccinations last week, a 13% increase on the previous week. As of 8 August 2021, 377,210 vaccinations have been administered across the region.

- Following ongoing engagement between the Ports of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty DHB, dedicated port vaccination sites will be open next week to encourage port staff vaccination. To ensure optimal opportunity, additional vaccination sites will open at Hull Road next week and Sulphur Point the following week. Each site will be open for one week between 12 noon and 5pm – Monday to Friday.
- Tairāwhiti DHB also begins vaccinations for port workers in Gisborne on 14 August. Pop-up sites will operate over the next two weeks. In the coming week, Turanga Health and Ngāti Porou Hauora, supported by the Tairāwhiti DHB will begin the rollout of their Iwi based vaccination plan. This will focus on their urban population before expanding into more isolated and rural areas.
- Waikato's flagship vaccination site, the Wairoa Waikato Vaccination Site has now administered 14,000 vaccinations since opening on 20 July. As Group 4 opens further, the goal is to increase bookings so that the site can operate up to its maximum capacity of 1,000 vaccinations per day.
- Lakes DHB achieved a local benchmark when it passed 60,000 total vaccinations and exceeded 5,000 vaccinations in one week.
- Taranaki DB held its rural vaccination event in Stratford last weekend. It was very well received by the local community with approximately 2,500 vaccinations administered.

### *Central*

Central DHBs administered 53,509 vaccinations last week, a 3% increase on the previous week. As of 8 August, 388,991 doses have been administered across the region.

- Central region DHBs now have 73 vaccination sites using the National Booking System; an increase of 15 this week. There are 172,066 active future bookings in "Book My Vaccine" across the region.
- Capital Coast & Hutt Valley DHBs report more than 27.8% of all Māori and 35.5% of all Pacific people aged 16+ have received at least one dose, compared with 26.8% of non-Māori, non-Pacific people.
- Capital Coast & Hutt Valley DHBs held six accessible vaccination events for disabled people last week, with another six scheduled this week. This includes two clinics in partnership with Autism NZ for autistic people and their families.
- Whanganui DHB held a whānau clinic at Rangitikei College in Marton on 9 August, administering 138 doses to teachers, whānau and students aged 16 and over.
- MidCentral DHB is seeing lower numbers in clinics. It will be extending its opening hours as of 23 August 2021 to see if this increases bookings.

### *South Island*

South Island DHBs administered 68,535 vaccinations last week, a 15% increase on the previous week. As at 9 August, 495,671, doses have been administered across the region, including 316,620 first doses and 179,051 second doses.

- West Coast DHB has improved vaccination levels to slightly below its agreed production plan, due to a shortage in authorised vaccinators (illness and staff turnover). West Coast DHB is working with Nelson Marlborough and Canterbury DHBs to help fill staffing gaps in the short term.
- Southern DHB has 91 vaccination sites using the National Booking System, including all its Primary Care providers.
- The South Island now has 160 vaccination sites live on the National Booking System, including 339,030 future bookings.

#### *Non-DHB national contracts*

Non-DHB and national contracts have administered 51,6531 vaccinations to date, which represents approximately 2.5% of the total vaccinations administered in New Zealand.

- Vaccinations continue for eligible NZ Police, Corrections and adults in Corrections care, NZDF and FENZ staff. Ministry staff are preparing the process to 'off-board' some of these agencies as their vaccinations conclude.
- Both pilot Workplace Vaccination sites (Mainfreight and Fonterra) are now underway. Mainfreight has vaccinated 871 people, which included a successful whānau day as part of its pilot on Saturday, 7 August. Fonterra commenced its pilot this week at its Fanshawe Street site in Auckland, with a wet-run to vaccinate 40 people followed by an additional 80 on 11 August.
- The Warehouse is preparing to start vaccinating staff at one of its Auckland sites on 16 August. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare continue to be onboarded with roll-out planned for late August.
- Ministry staff have held preliminary discussions with both Foodstuffs South Island and Foodstuffs North Island.
- The Review Panel for the Workplace Expression of Interest convened its first meeting this week. The panel comprises Ministry and DHB SRO representatives. Over 300 submissions have been categorised for further review and consideration of eligibility.

## **2.3. Equity**

### **2.3.1. Disability**

#### **Progress on notifying and inviting Disability Support Services (DSS) recipients to be vaccinated**

Vaccination of DSS clients is underway across New Zealand. DHBs have developed plans for notifying and inviting DSS clients to receive their vaccination with the majority working towards offering first dose to clients by 31 August 2021. Further information on DHB progress regarding notification and invitation to disabled consumers is attached as Appendix 7.

#### *Current and Planned Vaccination Events for the Disability Community*

DHBs have commenced planning in partnership with disability organisations for disability-specific

vaccination events. These will be for DSS and non-DSS supported disabled people and their whānau. More details are outlined below.

#### *Northland DHB*

Northland DHB has delivered first doses of the vaccine to disabled people through IDEA Services and are planning a second vaccination event at its hub on 20 August to deliver the second dose. Home vaccination visits will be held on 23 August. Northland DHB is also working with Bloomfield school to arrange vaccination of 16+ year olds.

#### *Auckland Metro*

Auckland Metro has a pop-up vaccination event planned in partnership with Deaf Aotearoa for 28 – 29 August. An information session in New Zealand sign language has also been developed to be delivered to the deaf community, along with an invitation to the pop-up event.

Auckland Metro is also working with Autism NZ to arrange low-stimulus sessions at current vaccination clinics to support the autism community to be vaccinated.

#### *Midcentral*

MidCentral DHB has engaged with the deaf community and are jointly planning a specific vaccination clinic.

#### *Capital Coast and Hutt Valley DHBs*

Capital Coast and Hutt Valley DHB are organising a series of disability-specific vaccination sessions, which will include both DSS and non-DSS clients and their whānau.

#### *Wairarapa*

Wairarapa DHB is currently offering in home vaccination appointments two days per week. The DHB is working with Autism Wairarapa to develop the best strategy for reaching their clients. Planning is also underway for individualised clinics for mental health clients as required.

#### *Southern*

Southern DHB has a variety of special onsite clinics and are identifying where one-on-one vaccination sessions are required.

### **2.3.2. Ethnic communities**

#### **National and Regional Leaders hui**

- Ministry of Health has been working with the Ministry for Ethnic Communities on its action plan for the Covid-19 vaccination roll out.
- Ministry for Ethnic Communities is facilitating National Leaders Hui on 12 August 2021 (Wellington) and Regional Leaders hui on 9 August 2021 (Christchurch), 19 August 2021 (Auckland) and 23 August 2021 (Wellington). It is expected that the hui will help build trust in the vaccination process through ethnic community leaders and umbrella organisations and to ensure that information reaches ethnic communities.

## **Vaccination uptake by ethnicity**

- The Ethnic uptake of the vaccine by most ethnicities and age groups is broadly comparable or higher than the uptake rates of New Zealand Europeans.
- However, low uptake of the vaccine amongst the 60+ age group is concerning for Chinese, South-East Asian, Other Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American/Hispanic and African.

## **Contestable fund**

- Ministry of Health and Ministry for Ethnic Communities are working together to roll out a \$1 million ethnic communities communications fund for the vaccine roll-out.

## **2.4. Progress on scaling**

### **2.4.1. Early access to vaccination**

On Friday, 13 August 2021, the early vaccine access (EVA) application process will be extended to include travel up to and including 15 November 2021. The current criteria for 'reason for travel' is also being extended to include business, family reunification, education and medical treatment as well as compassionate grounds and national significance. Leisure or recreational travel is not included.

People are eligible to apply for EVA if they are travelling to a country/zone that is not included in the quarantine-free travel zones and they must have enough time to receive two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine before they depart. Applications must include evidence of travel that has been booked and paid for, such as a travel itinerary that confirms departure date and destination(s). As part of this process, people who are approved will also be provided with a letter confirming vaccination status once they have been fully vaccinated to support their travel requirements.

The new criteria and application process will be published on the Ministry's website on Friday and reporting on the number of applications (by reason for travel, approved and declined) will be available from next week.

### **2.4.2. Health workforce**

As at 10 August, 10,735 vaccinators have been trained, and to date 5,3521 trained vaccinators have vaccinated within the programme. There are 13 COVID-19 Vaccinators authorised and a further 248 COVID-19 Vaccinators currently in training.

The Ministry of Health is continuing to work jointly with the Crown Law Office and IMAC to review the current vaccinator authorisation process in response to recent legal advice. The Ministry has now authorised 100% of the backlog of applications from new vaccinators and is now processing new applications for authorisations. We continue to respond to priority completed applications upon request from DHBs. A new processing team is being recruited to manage the vaccinator authorisation processing with a view that this team will be transferred from the CVIP into the Ministry of Health Immunisation team at the end of the programme. The Vaccinator Workforce Project continues to progress work for a vaccinator register.

### **2.4.3. Logistics and Distribution**

As at 12 August 2021, 5,676 deliveries of 452,264 vials (2,758,354 doses) had been made to 653 sites across the country with zero failures.

Last week, as part of the wider CIR upgrade, Logistics & Inventory launched version 21.8 of the Ordering & Inventory Portal. The new functionality includes a:

1. Quality Assurance (QA) step for DHBs, who can now check/approve orders placed by vaccination sites for vaccine stock and consumables, and
2. Dashboard for each DHB to give an overview of volumes of orders, demand, and stock on hand at This functionality is another key milestone for the programme that enables DHBs to more accurately manage the demand and supply of vaccine within their region. The Ministry will continue to work closely with DHBs to ensure the vaccine is managed efficiently, including monitoring stock vaccine stock is rotated, if need be, to minimise the risk of stock expiring.

Development and system testing work for version 21.9 of the Portal is also nearing completion. The next version is expected to go live at the end of August. Key new functionality includes:

1. Daily cut off times for vaccine orders from sites to give DHBs more time to 'QA' orders
2. Mandatory loading of 21 days of future demand at sites to enhance demand and supply planning, and
3. Designated delivery dates for sites to streamline NZ Post deliveries and enhance efficiency (an urgent order option remains in place should sites need more vaccine stock overnight).

Logistics & Inventory are in the final stages of selecting a new provider for low dead space needles and syringes. The new provider will be selected next week. This follows a recent trial to determine the most efficient combination for drawing and administering the vaccine to extract seven doses per vial.

### **2.4.4. General Practice and Pharmacy Rollout**

Feedback from both general practice and community pharmacy continues to be positive and more primary care providers are joining the programme every week. We are now at over 20% of general practices providing vaccinations.

The RNZCGP has written to all DHBs explaining where it considers Foundation Standard accreditation aligns with CVIP standards. DHBs are considering the advice and will respond directly to the College. The aim is to simplify the onboarding process whilst maintaining quality and patient safety which remains the responsibility of the commissioning DHB. A similar process is underway for community-pharmacy and urgent care clinics.

The table below provides an update on Primary Care vaccination sites as at 9 August 2021.

## Primary care vaccination sites (update as at 09/08/21)



### ACTIVE Primary care vaccination sites

*\*Defined as a site which has administered vaccinations within the preceding 42 days*

386

Active Primary  
care sites\*

208	Medical Centres
66	Pharmacies
53	Kaupapa Maori
29	PHO
11	Private Practice
2	Pacifica Peoples Provider
17	Waiting for classification

**Private:** Residential care/urgent care and 'private' general practices

### ONBOARDED Primary care vaccination sites

*Defined as sites set-up within CIR*

43

Primary Care sites onboarded\*\*

week ended 08/08

55 additional sites are pending classification

47

Primary Care site onboarding forecast

For week ending 15/08

Information based on forecasts provided by 8 DHBs

### 2.4.5. Mass vaccination events

Following the first mass vaccination event, more DHBs are considering how these events could supplement their other sites to achieve higher uptake. In some areas, it is possible that increasing the capacity of all existing sites over a concentrated period will be more effective than investing resource in one-off events.

There are several mass vaccination events currently planned or confirmed for this year:

Date	Location	DHB area	Comments
10-12 Sept.	Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau	Counties Manukau	'Dose 2' for the 30 July-1 August event.
24-26 Sept.	Trusts Arena, Henderson	Waitematā	Dose 1 event
22-24 Oct.			Originally planned as dose 2 event with a 4-week gap, may become a second dose 1 event.
1-3 Oct.	Sky Stadium, Wellington	Capital and Coast	Potentially with a second event 6 weeks later.
8-10 Oct.	ASB Showground, Greenlane	Auckland	Tentative – DHB is exploring venue options, and suitability of a mid-November event.
19-21 Nov.			

### 2.4.6. Guidance on drive-through vaccination centres

The Ministry has published guidance to support DHB and provider planning for drive-through vaccination centres. This model is primarily intended for use during an outbreak. An increased Alert

Levels, physical distancing requirements would reduce the capacity of other vaccination settings, potentially making drive-through centres a more efficient means of safely continuing vaccination delivery.

## 2.5. Communications and engagement

In this week's communications and engagement update (attached as Appendix 8), we include the following:

- over 172,000 visits to the Book My Vaccine homepage
- further increases to positive sentiment and user satisfaction on the Ministry of Health and United Against COVID websites.
- ongoing campaign and engagement activity to support the Group 4 rollout and the timing of second doses.

## 2.6. Roll-out of the vaccine to Pacific

A weekly update across the wider Pacific is included as Appendix 9. This includes progress reporting to Polynesia and the Realm countries.

## 2.7. Vaccine Portfolio

An update on the Pfizer delivery schedule is included as Appendix 10.

<b>Deputy Director-General</b>	Jo Gibbs, National Director, COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme, s 9(2)(a)
<b>Ministers</b>	Hipkins, Little, Verrall
<b>Separate agenda item for weekly meeting with Minister?</b>	No

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# Appendix 1:

## Approval to invite people aged 40 to 49 for COVID-19 vaccination

**Date due to MO:** 12 August 2021      **Action required by:** 12 August 2021

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**To:** Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response

**CC:** Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister  
 Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health  
 Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response  
 Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Associate Minister for Health  
 Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Health  
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### Minister's office to complete:

- Approved       Decline       Noted  
 Needs change       Seen       Overtaken by events  
 See Minister's Notes       Withdrawn

Comment:

# Approval to invite people aged 40-49 for COVID-19 vaccination

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**Security level:** IN CONFIDENCE      **Date:** 12 August 2021

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**To:** Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response

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## Purpose of report

1. This report seeks your approval to commence invitation for the 40-49 age cohort of Group 4 (the general population) from 18 August 2021 to book their COVID-19 vaccinations.

## Summary

2. New Zealand is in the process of vaccinating all eligible people using a sequencing framework of groups most likely to be at risk of contracting or having a poor outcome from COVID-19 (Groups 1-3).
3. Cabinet agreed on 14 June 2021 (CAB-21-MIN-0229 refers) to an age cohort approach to inviting Group 4 to be vaccinated (the general population), focusing on the older age groups first.
4. The rollout of invitations to Group 4 began from 28 July 2021 using age bands and starting with the first age cohort of 60 years and over.
5. Good progress has been made in booking and vaccinating the current age cohorts.
6. Your approval to progress to the 40-49 age cohort in Group 4 is requested in order to launch the associated communications campaign and indicate to New Zealand Post that letters of invitation, emails and texts can be sent to this group from 18 August ahead of the original anticipated launch date of later in August 2021.
7. A potential increase in call centre demand to Whakarongorau Aotearoa is anticipated with the announcement of the programme change to increase the interval between vaccinations to six weeks on Thursday 12 August 2021 and the commencement of the 50-54 age cohort of Group 4 on 13 August 2021.
8. The release of a ten-year age band, will mean a larger group of people will be eligible and a web first approach for bookings will be actively promoted to support and manage the call volumes to Whakarongorau Aotearoa.
9. In addition, subject to a decision by Cabinet, children 12-15 years will be able to be vaccinated as from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of August.
10. Regular monitoring will continue to be provided to Vaccine Ministers on progress of invitations, booking and uptake across Group 4 as further age cohorts are invited, with risks to delivery highlighted as necessary.

## Recommendation

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** that good progress has been made booking and vaccinating the first age cohorts.
- b) **Approve** the release of invitations to book COVID-19 vaccinations for the age cohort in Group 4, 40-49 years, on 18 August 2021 **Yes / No**

**Note** that subject to Cabinet's decision children 12-15 will be eligible to be vaccinated from 18 August 2021.

- d) **Note** that there are a number of risks associated with opening this age band in conjunction with the commencement of the 50-54 age band and the announcement of an increase in interval between vaccinations. There are several mitigation steps to minimise this risk.

Joanne Gibbs

**National Director**

**COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme**

Date:

Hon Chris Hipkins

**Minister for COVID-19 Response**

Date

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# Approval to invite people aged 40-49 for COVID-19 vaccination

## Background

11. New Zealand is in the process of rolling out the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination to all eligible people over the age of 16 using a sequencing framework agreed by Cabinet (CAB-21-MIN-0052 refers).
12. Cabinet authorised Vaccine Ministers to decide when to nationally invite each age cohort in Group 4, the general population (CAB-21-MIN-0229 refers).
13. Approval was given to commence COVID-19 vaccination invitations for the first age cohort in Group 4, 60-64 years, on 28 July 2021. (HR-20211646 refers).
14. Since 6 August the uptake of bookings for the 55-59 year age cohort has been successful, with DHBs showing on average 51% of consumers in the age cohort either booked or having received a first or second dose already.
15. The percentage uptake of 'first dose or booked' and 'second dose or booked' across the 65+, 60-64 year and 55-59 year age cohort is available in Appendix One.
16. The roll out of the booking system and national call centre has worked well and there has been good uptake in the age band.

## Commencing invitations to ages 40-49 years

17. Assessment of readiness to age 40-49 has been made considering:
  - a. Sufficient **opportunity** provided to previous Groups to book a vaccination;
  - b. Sufficient **uptake** progress in previous Groups;
  - c. Sufficient **provider capacity** to accommodate bookings from a new Group, with an average time nationally from invitation to first vaccination event of no more than 6-8 weeks.
18. Approval is now sought to commence invitations for the Group 4, 40-49 cohort on 18 August.

## Commencing the 40-49 year age cohort

19. To date the programme has released two five-year age bands resulting in approximately 100,000 appointments being created on the day of release with a corresponding 20,000 calls to Whakarongorau Aotearoa. It is expected therefore should a 10-year age band be announced on a single day, this level of activity will significantly increase and likely place pressure on Whakarongorau's ability to

maintain low average wait times for callers, especially during the first few days following the opening of the age band.

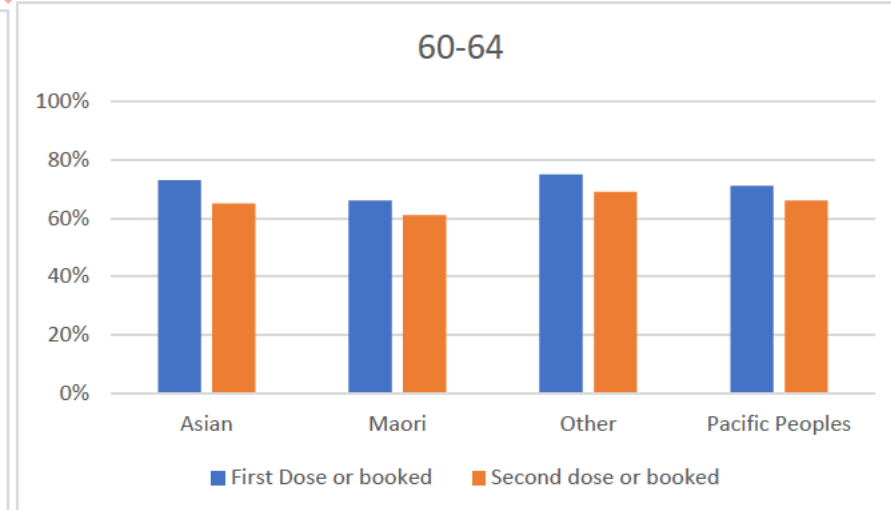
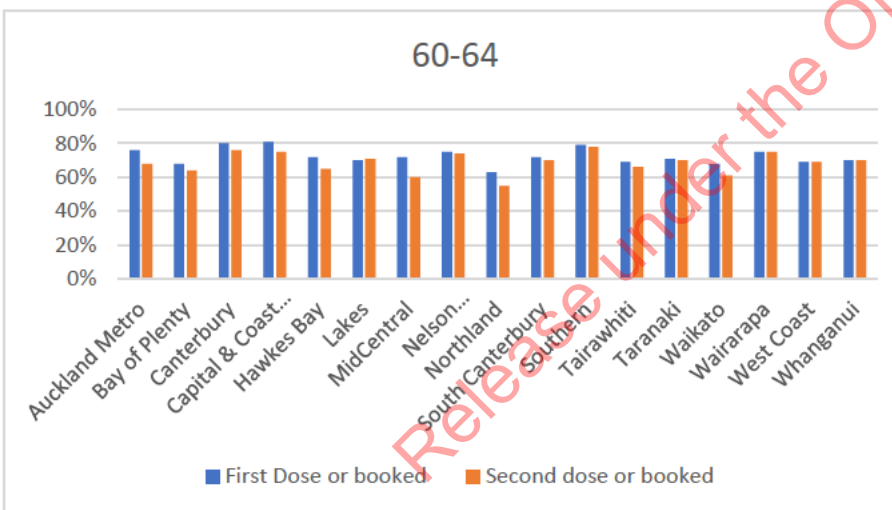
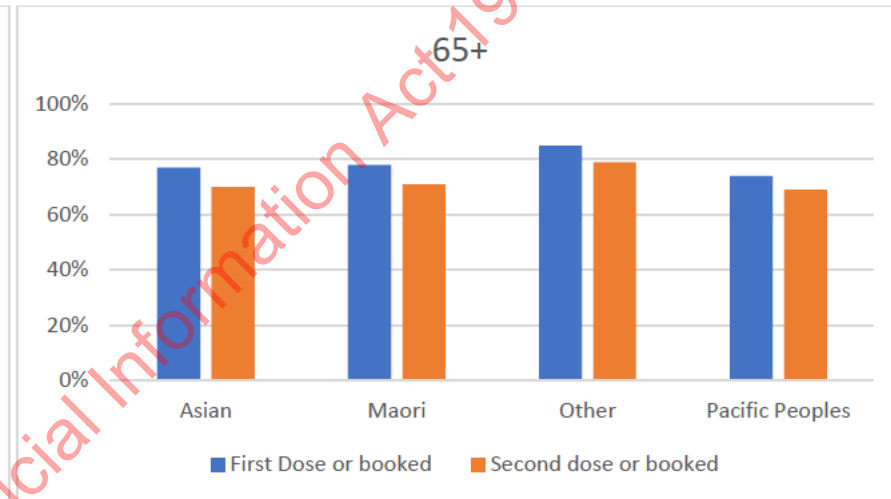
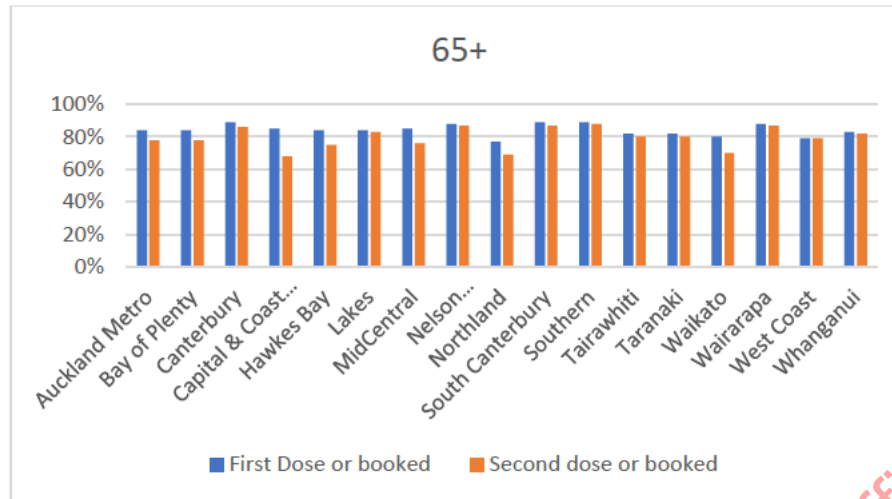
20. In addition, the announcement of the increased interval between doses from three to six weeks on Thursday 12 August, and the opening of the 50-54 year age band on 13 August, may lead increased call centre load.
21. This interval change potentially impacts 600,000 consumers who have booked their second dose under the previous settings of three weeks. The potential impact of consumers rescheduling due to this announcement will add to the volume of calls to Whakarongorau Aotearoa in conjunction with the opening of the 40-49-year age band.
22. If a high number of existing appointments are moved into the future, this will result in a lower level of bookings for the weeks immediately after the announcement of the change. A degree of loss of productivity could occur, if the capacity created by consumers moving their second appointment into the future is not fully replaced by a new cohort wishing to book their first appointment.
23. Should a material number of consumers reschedule their second appointment resulting from the interval change, a short-term reduction in booking capacity is expected. The mitigation of inviting further age bands must be timed appropriately to ensure that any rescheduled appointments are offset by new bookings.
24. The opening of the 40-50 age will result in approximately 380,000 people will receive an SMS text, emails and letters. This sending of SMS text and email invitations will commence on Wednesday 18 July and will run over two days due to the size of the cohort. At the same time invitation letters will be distributed by New Zealand Post.
25. Subject to a decision by Cabinet on Monday 16 August, children 12-15 years old will be eligible for vaccination. This offers the opportunity for parents and children to be vaccinated as a whānua. Work is in progress to support this change.

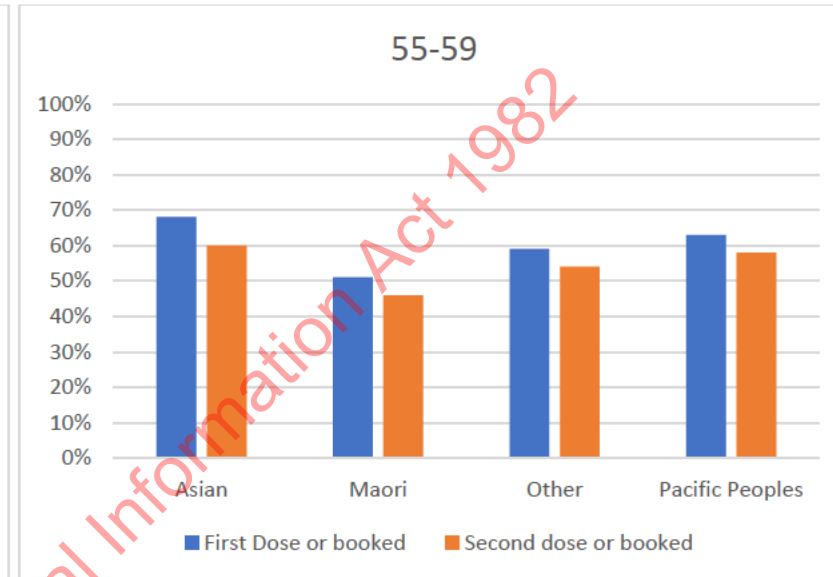
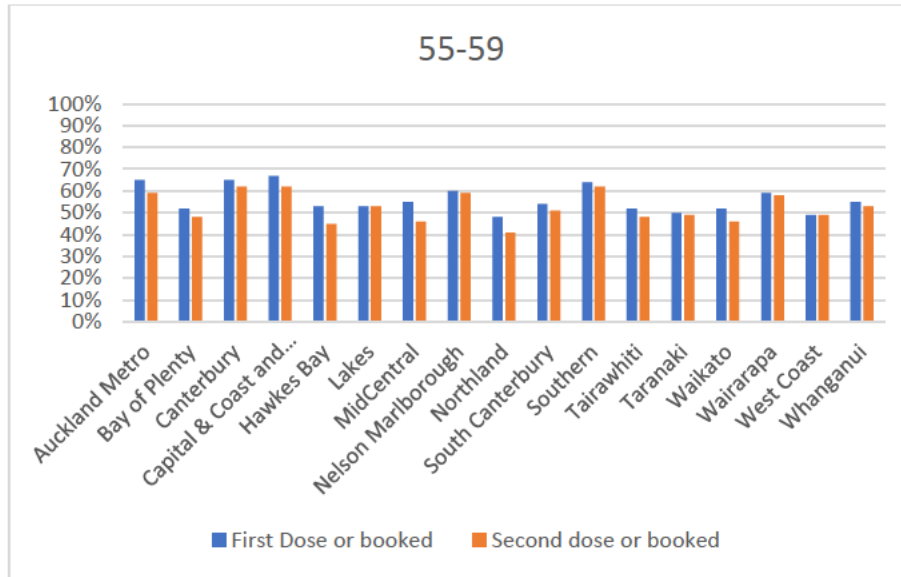
### **Next steps – mitigation of risks of invitations for 40-49 age cohort**

26. The Ministry will monitor Whakarongorau Aotearoa call centre load and performance as part of standard process. Communications to the public will strongly encourage self-service through the website to reduce inbound calls to Whakarongora.

**ENDS.**

**Appendix One: Percentage update of 'First dose or booked' and 'Second dose or booked' across DHB and by Ethnicity for Group 4, 65+ 60-64, 55-59 year age cohorts as at 11:30am 11 August.**





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## Appendix 2

### COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy - Negotiation priorities for future COVID-19 vaccine purchases

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#### Action for Private Secretaries

N/A

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## Appendix 3

### Strategies to maximise vaccine uptake

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**Date:** 12 August 2021

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**To:** COVID-19 Vaccine Ministers

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**From:** Joanne Gibbs, National Director, Covid Vaccination Immunisation Programme

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**Subject:** Provides an overview for discussion of the proposed strategy for vaccine uptake

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#### Purpose

1. This paper outlines the proposed strategy for increasing uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination.

#### Background

2. On 23 August Vaccine Ministers will discuss with Cabinet the strategy to maximise uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine. The following text provides a possible framing for that conversation.

#### The case for maximising uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine

3. Cabinet has recently considered a strategy for reconnecting New Zealand to the rest of the world while continuing to keep New Zealanders safe. This was informed by a report from the Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group chaired by Professor Skegg advising that the COVID-19 vaccination programme be fully rolled out and vaccination uptake as high as possible before border settings are fully relaxed.
4. Ongoing concern about the Delta variant, and the understanding that an incursion in New Zealand is possible, has provided the impetus for a number of decisions to ensure as many New Zealanders receive at least one dose as quickly as possible. This includes moving more quickly through the age-bands to ensure available capacity is utilised effectively and extending the standard programme timeframe between doses from three to six weeks.
5. Almost 60 percent of the remaining New Zealanders being vaccinated this year are expected to receive a vaccine during a critical nine-week period in September and October. Experience from countries such as Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom suggests that demand for the vaccine will peak over an 8 to 10 week period before there is then a significant decrease in demand.

#### Strategy for maximising uptake

6. As we progress through the roll-out of the Programme, different approaches will be required to improve access and ensure maximum uptake by our different age cohorts, ethnicities and communities.

7. A continued scaling up of the Programme by continuing to increase provider capacity and options for access is the preferred approach in the first instance, while using communications campaigns and fast movement through age bands to support ongoing demand.
8. Continued focus on priority groups and ensuring equitable uptake for these groups will continue to be important. The Ministry will be monitoring uptake closely, including at a subgroup and geographical level to identify trends in uptake and put in place appropriate targeted interventions.
9. Experience from previous immunisation campaigns in New Zealand informs the strategy for uptake and evidence-based interventions, in particular the importance of providing multiple options for accessing a vaccination and providing vaccination where people congregate.
10. Tailoring programmes for specific groups requires attention to the factors influencing each community. The evidence shows the best people placed to do this are communities themselves. The importance of community-led and localised programmes with reciprocal partnerships between funders and providers is consistent across evaluations of previous roll-outs.
11. All existing COVID-19 vaccination providers have localised production and equity plans to deliver to scale and maximise uptake. The COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme is monitoring the success of those initiatives, and is building contingency plans to supplement local efforts to ensure all possible strategies for uptake are considered and deployed, should additional actions be required.

## **Increasing capacity and developing multiple delivery models to increase access**

### *Expanding the role of primary care*

12. The Ministry's Horizon Research survey shows most respondents would prefer to get their vaccination from their usual primary care provider (general practitioner, practice nurse or pharmacy). Primary care providers are also well placed to support the Programme as they:
  - a. are well distributed across the country reaching into rural areas and with established connections with priority communities such as Māori and Pacific Peoples
  - b. have well established systems for giving vaccinations
13. To date there are 386 active primary care sites delivering the COVID-19 vaccination covering medical centres, pharmacies, PHOs, kaupapa Māori and Pacific providers. 43 sites were brought on board in the week ending 8 August and a further 47 will be brought on board in the following week.
14. The on-boarding process is a joint effort between the primary care provider, its DHB and the Programme. Support is provided to the provider to work through the steps of becoming a vaccination site including CIR training and inventory management. Considerable effort has been put into streamlining this process which now takes 2-3 weeks instead of the previous 6 weeks.

15. Other efforts to increase involvement in the Programme by primary care providers includes:
  - a. On-going regular meetings with national representative bodies and leaders
  - b. Presentations at national conferences and webinars
  - c. Working directly with each DHB
  - d. Establishment of an automatic payment mechanism linked to the CIR, reducing the administrative burden of claiming for vaccinations given.
16. It's not expected that all primary care providers will opt into delivering the COVID-19 vaccine. Reasons may include general practices that are currently struggling with capacity where they may already have long waits to get routine appointments or be experiencing under-performance in other areas such as childhood immunisations. The adequacy of the funding provided has not been raised as a barrier.

#### *Continuing to explore the opportunities of mass vaccination events*

17. New Zealand's first mass vaccination event took place between 30 July and 1 August, successfully vaccinating more than 15,500 people over three days at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. The operating model for this event enabled each vaccinator to administer a vaccination on average every 86 seconds and minimised vaccine wastage. The event made efficient use of vaccinators but required extra administrators to ensure the registration process worked smoothly.
18. With the information gained from this first event, DHBs are considering the ongoing potential of mass events versus increasing the capacity of all their existing sites over a concentrated period. One constraint on the continued use of mass events is the limited availability of large sites at short notice, with a six-week interval between bookings.
19. Mass vaccination events currently planned and confirmed for this year include:
  - a. 10-12 September: 'Dose 2' event, Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau (Counties Manukau DHB)
  - b. 24-26 September and 22-24 October: Trusts Arena, Henderson (Waitematā DHB). 4-week gap between events, will be treated as two 'dose 1' events.
  - c. 1-3 October (potentially with second event 6 weeks later): Sky Stadium, Wellington (Capital and Coast DHB)
  - d. 8-10 October and 19-21 November: ASB Showground, Greenlane (Auckland DHB). Tentative – venue may change.

#### *Progressing workplace vaccinations*

20. Workplace vaccinations aim to augment and support DHB vaccinations, as another option for people to easily access vaccinations. Workplace vaccinations to date have been paced in three tranches:
  - a. Workplace vaccinations for people in Groups 1-3 of the sequencing framework, for example NZ Police, MIQ workers and Corrections staff)

- b. Pilot sites for workplace vaccinations in place in August including Mainfreight, Fonterra, The Warehouse Group and Fisher & Paykel HealthCare
  - c. General workplace vaccinations from September following an EOI process which produced over 330 responses and covered industries including primary industries, manufacturing, construction, logistics, transport, tourism, telecommunications, electricity sector, grocery sector, retail, restaurants, professional services, banking, scientific sector, universities, central and local government. Collectively the EOI responses covered approximately 300,000 New Zealand workforce.
21. The Ministry has commenced working with the supermarket industry in the first instance to vaccinate their workforces from September. This includes support centres, supply chain and supermarkets. Collectively this represents a workforce of approximately 55,000 with over twenty nationalities represented.

*Ensuring equity of access to the COVID-19 vaccine remains a priority*

22. The COVID-19 Vaccine Programme rollout has a focus on ensuring that Māori and Pacific people know about the vaccine, know where to go to get it, and are supported to get there.
23. A whānau-based approach, local initiatives, walk-ins, workplace initiatives and additional support and funding for Māori and Pacific providers are in place to support equitable access to the vaccine alongside the national age-banded invitation strategy approach.
- a. DHBs and providers are taking a flexible approach in meeting their local communities' needs. This includes approaches such as: offering vaccinations to everyone 16 and over when offering vaccinations in remote and hard to reach rural communities
  - b. implementing a whānau-centred approach for Māori communities so whānau can be vaccinated as a rōpu
  - c. vaccinating Māori and Pacific communities at a range of locations such as Marae, Churches, community centres and mobile outreach locations.
  - d. Funding was phased to cover various aspects of service delivery that was culturally appropriate for whānau, hāpu, iwi and communities.
24. The introduction of the COVID-19 Vaccinator (Working Under Supervision) role, gazetted in late May, has increased the training and participation of Māori and Pacific people as vaccinators and with the knowledge to enable them to educate local whānau and their wider communities.
25. Operating guidelines for vaccination sites outline disability considerations for all services, including accessible information, staff training in disability equity and supported decision making, and physical access. DHBs have been encouraged to complete accessibility audits on their large community sites and seek regular feedback from disabled people on their services to make regular improvements. Disabled people and their carers can now directly book their vaccination through the national COVID Vaccination Healthline managed by Whakarongorau Aotearoa and Book My Vaccine. Mobile teams making site visits are supporting disabled people living in residential settings.

26. Rural communities have been managed outside of the sequencing framework from the beginning of the programme to maximise the opportunity to vaccinate the whole community when clinics have been arranged in those locations.

### *Communication strategy to support uptake*

27. Specific and targeted communications and engagement: current knowledge and awareness-raising strategies alone will only influence uptake to a certain extent. Adopting approaches to social marketing which are direct and cohort specific, including harnessing social influencers, endorsers, and enabling dialogue-based approaches from trusted national and local leaders to advocate for Vaccine uptake may influence uptake.
28. The Ministry is working with 40 iwi, Māori organisations and providers to deliver dedicated and tailored communications campaigns to whānau. To address the needs of Māori, Te Puni Kōkiri with Te Hiringa Hauora developed [www.karawhuia.nz](http://www.karawhuia.nz) a new site in Māori and English with trusted information to assist whānau to make informed choices about the COVID-19 vaccine and a linked advertising campaign.
29. The Iwi Communication Collective has been funded to deliver tailored communications to the Māori population. While the Ministry of Health has national campaigns, it was recognised that local and regional communications resonated with communities. A partnership with Te Puni Kōkiri has increased communications to targeted populations. Iwi have also tailored their own communications and these have become popular on social media.
30. Pacific languages, cultures and identity are essential to the health, wellbeing and lifetime success of Pacific peoples and their communities in Aotearoa. There is an opportunity to work with the Ministry for Pacific Peoples to use language weeks to raise awareness for vaccination and set up sites tailored to the specific ethnicity.
31. A disability advisory group, Tātou Whaikaha has been formed to provide an advisory function to the programme. An engagement group, the Disabled Persons Engagement Group, was formed in April 2021 to provide a forum for the community and Ministry to engage.
32. In May 2021 a \$2 million Disabled Peoples Communications Fund opened for applications from disabled peoples organisations to provide community-led initiatives to increase uptake, access, supported decision making and information dissemination with 35 recipients awarded funding. This is expected to increasingly have an impact as initiatives

### *Invitation approach*

33. In the preparation for scaling the programme with the opening of Group 4, a significant workforce and technology infrastructure was developed to allow the running of targeted campaigns, including by age-bands. This invitation strategy is being used to directly contact all New Zealanders in each age-band, and issue follow-up reminders to book, complemented by national communication campaigns and local initiatives.
34. In addition to the tools developed for invitation and booking, data and reporting tools are allowing for the monitoring of population coverage by age, ethnicity, and locality. This allows for more targeted calls-to-action and activation through invitations to book and

follow ups, and then for the identification of where bespoke and local campaigns are required to increase uptake.

35. With the adoption of a six-week gap between doses, the pace of age bands opening will now increase and uptake by age, ethnicity, and locality tracked accordingly. We have seen good uptake in the age bands opened so far; the faster opening of age bands will give early warning signals should uptake lag in a given group, allowing more time to intervene with the appropriate mix of service delivery models and motivators.

### **Behavioural science provides a foundation**

36. The WHO Technical Advisory Group on Behavioural Insights and Sciences for Health published a report in November 2020 which discussed how COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and uptake can be increased by adopting three behavioural strategies:
- a. Creating an enabling environment – making vaccination easy, quick and affordable
  - b. Harnessing social influences – especially from people who are particularly trusted by and identified with by members of relevant communities
  - c. Increasing motivation through open and transparent dialogue and communication.
37. This builds on the idea that the most effective ways to increase vaccine coverage rely on changing behaviour directly without trying to modify what people think and feel. Behavioural nudges such as information campaigns, text reminders or providing vouchers confirming eligibility can be combined with access to the vaccine to address vaccine hesitancy.
38. Factors determining uptake of the vaccine can also be categorised in the following way:

Table 1: Determinants of vaccine uptake

Factors	Description
Access	The ability to reach or be reached by the vaccine, including location of vaccination and access convenience
Affordability	The ability to afford vaccination – both financial and non-financial costs (for example time)
Awareness	The degree to which people have knowledge of, and availability of, the vaccine and its benefits and risks
Acceptance	People’s position on the vaccine influenced by: perceptions of safety and efficacy; perceptions of disease severity and risk; individual characteristics and beliefs; social context.
Activation	The degree to which people are nudged towards vaccination uptake (for example prompts, reminders and workplace policies)

### **The role of incentives in New Zealand’s Programme is not yet clear**

39. To date there is little evidence of the effectiveness of incentives, financial and non-financial, to drive uptake either of the COVID-19 vaccine or of other vaccination programmes.

40. Financial incentives used in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Singapore, United Kingdom and United States such as lottery prizes, low value savings bonds, small to large cash and scholarship prizes initially increased vaccination uptake however the trend was not sustained.
41. In kind incentives such as free rides, childcare services, small percent discounts, freebies or rewards, free tickets to tourism attractions, memberships or gifts like #gotmyshot masks, vaccine stickers, or access to online local business platforms where discounts and promotions could be downloaded also showed little evidence of impact on vaccine uptake.
42. The role of incentives in New Zealand's context is not yet clear with issues identified relating to:
  - a. loss of the collective altruistic driver of the campaign;
  - b. fairness in applying incentives, particularly if introduced part way through the Programme; and
  - c. implications for other immunisation programmes and activities in health such as blood donation.

### **There are other possible levers to increase uptake**

43. Other areas that can be explored for opportunities to maximise uptake include:
  - a. Commissioning: specifying expectations and outcomes for providers; ensuring adequate resources to meet expectations; strong and dynamic relationship management, as well as drawing on wider whānau ora commissioning agencies.
  - b. Service delivery improvement initiatives: enabling communities of best practice, share insights with and across DHBs, identifying specific barriers and building services to negate these to improve uptake.
  - c. Creating national vaccination days (for example 'Super Saturday' or 'V Day'), aligning effort and large-scale events across the country on one day
  - d. Communications including creating a national programme timeline for a 'peak vaccination' campaign, to encourage New Zealanders to avoid a prolonged programme.
  - e. Extending the regulatory requirements of mandatory vaccination to specific groups of health care teams who work within COVID-19 streams: the current vaccination order under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 requires mandatory vaccination for healthcare roles in MIQ facilities and high-risk border settings. This approach could be extended to other healthcare workers.
44. Officials will come back to Vaccine Ministers in September with further details on options for maximising uptake.

## **Responsibility for achieving our goals needs to be shared beyond the health sector**

45. Considerable effort has been put in across the health sector, with the support of numerous partners across communities and government agencies to put in place the vaccine Programme and ensure every New Zealander has the opportunity to be vaccinated.
46. Making use of that opportunity is now the responsibility of others, and a number of other sectors now have their part to play. This includes business and unions and the roles in putting in place workforce policies and procedures that support and encourage vaccination uptake, local government, community groups and leaders.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that you:

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1.	Discuss	The strategies to increase COVID-19 uptake to take to Cabinet on 23 August 2021
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## Appendix 4

### Implementing the decision to use for 12-15-year-olds

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<b>Date:</b>	11 August 2021
<b>To:</b>	COVID Vaccine Ministers
<b>From:</b>	Joanne Gibbs, National Director, Covid Vaccination Immunisation Programme
<b>Subject:</b>	Provides an overview of the implementation steps required for the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine to 12-15-year-olds

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#### Purpose

1. This paper provides a brief outline of the main implementation considerations for the decision to use the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination for youth aged 12-15.

#### Background

2. On 16 August Vaccine Ministers will be seeking agreement from Cabinet on the use of the Pfizer vaccine for children 12 to 15 years of age (young people) following the provisional approval for use in this age group by Medsafe. The extension of the Programme to 12-15-year-olds is planned to take place from September.

#### Steps required to implement a roll-out of the Programme to ages 12-15

3. Extending the Programme to those aged 12-15 requires attention to the specific requirements of this age cohort, notably:
  - a. communications
  - b. informed consent and associated workforce training requirements
  - c. options for approaches and sites for service delivery, such as school-based and whānau-based approaches
  - d. interaction with routine immunisation programmes for this age group such as HPV<sup>1</sup> and MMR<sup>2</sup>
  - e. technology changes to Book my Vaccine and COVID Immunisation Register (CIR).

#### Communications

4. Communications for this age group will need to be specifically tailored to:
  - a. provide information on the vaccine in an age-appropriate way

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<sup>1</sup> Human papillomavirus vaccine

<sup>2</sup> Measles Mumps and Rubella vaccine

- b. be clear how the 12-15 age group will be included in the Programme and receive their vaccinations
- c. ensure 12-15-year-olds, parents and guardians, health workers and the public understand informed consent processes.

## Consent

5. There are existing processes and requirements around gaining informed consent for the routine childhood immunisations and this includes ensuring that all parties, including those aged 12 to 15 years, to understand the vaccine to be administered.
6. Under the Care of Children Act 2004, children over the age of 16 are considered legal adults. However, young people under the age of 16 are not prohibited from consenting. The *Code of Rights* does not specify a minimum age for informed consent.
7. The Programme has been working with the Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki on the vaccine roll-out, with regards to a school-based model. The Programme has developed the following draft policy position which is currently in consultation:
  - a. for school-based vaccination, the programme will align with previous school-based vaccination programmes and the Ministry of Education's Professional Standards for School-based Immunisation Service Delivery 2016. This requires parents/guardians to provide written consent for all students receiving the vaccination at school.
  - b. for those aged 12-15 who present for the vaccine at their usual healthcare provider or a vaccination centre, if deemed competent to consent, vaccination can continue with the young persons' informed consent.
  - c. where a young person lives in a residence or supported accommodation, the informed consent will follow the usual process for other medical treatments and routine vaccination.
8. Gauging individual competence will require training material for some vaccinators. Career force can produce training available via existing IMAC online training. This will piggy-back off similar training on supported decision making.

## Options for approaches and sites for delivery of the vaccine

### *Community-based delivery*

9. For those aged 12-15 years, an option for timely access to the vaccine includes community-based vaccination sites with access to age appropriate decision support making information that can guide informed consent.

### *Whānau -based approach*

10. The whānau -based approach is in operation now and is one of the approaches in place to encourage uptake for Maori and Pacific. Young people aged 12-15 across all ethnicities can be encouraged to attend with their parents or whānau.
11. This approach may enhance uptake as whānau can attend a vaccination clinic together and have any questions or concerns addressed. Informed consent in this instance can take place within the context of their own supportive relationships.

### *School-based delivery*

12. The CVIP team has been working with the Ministry of Education to develop a school-based model for the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine. Planning guidance for this model of service delivery has been developed and is being consulted on. ('School-based delivery' refers to vaccine delivery to the student population and does not include school facilities being used as a venue for community vaccination more generally).
13. Schools would need a reasonable lead-in time to prepare for school-based delivery due to the high administrative and preparatory effort required. Given this, and the imminent announcement of the move from a 3 week to 6 week interval between vaccine doses, delivery during Term 3 2021 is unlikely to be feasible. Feedback from the education sector is also that vaccination would not be possible in Term 4 due to exams and other end-of-year activities.
14. A few schools have already indicated an interest in being part of the Programme roll-out for young people. These schools could participate with the agreement of their District Health Board, however for the most part, school-based delivery of the vaccine is unlikely to be a significant feature of the Programme in 2021.

### **Interaction with other school-based and childhood immunisation programmes**

15. Existing routine school-based vaccination programmes are due to start in September and have already experienced delays due to COVID-19 alert level changes in 2020.
16. The existing childhood immunisation programme needs to be considered when planning the Programme rollout to ages 12-15. Current advice for those 16 years and over is to wait four weeks between MMR and the COVID-19 vaccine, or two weeks if the COVID-19 vaccine is given first. As such timing of schedules is another significant consideration in planning phase to implement the rollout the 12-15-year olds.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that you:

1.	Note	The roll-out of the Programme to 12-15-year-olds will not be through a school-based Programme in the first instance
3.	Note	Many new vaccinators providing vaccinations to 12-15-year olds will be required to complete the training module on the consent process for 12-15 year olds
4.	Note	Age-appropriate collateral will be developed for 12-15 year-olds in time for the implementation date.

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## Appendix 5

### Summary of DHB planning for vaccination of border workers (Port focus) and current status of vaccine uptake for port workers

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<b>Date:</b>	12 August 2021
<b>To:</b>	COVID-19 Vaccine Ministers
<b>From:</b>	Joanne Gibbs, National Director, Covid Vaccination Immunisation Programme
<b>Subject:</b>	Summary of DHB planning for vaccination of border workers (Port focus) and current status of vaccine uptake for port workers

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#### Purpose

1. This paper provides a summary of DHB planning for vaccination of border workers (with a Port worker focus) and current status of vaccine uptake for port workers.

#### Recommendations

2. **Note** the information provided on vaccination rates for Port workers.
3. **Discuss** the approach being taken by DHBs to ensure compliance with the Border Worker Order

#### Update

4. All DHBs with port border sites in their regions are collaborating with Port Authorities to support vaccination of border workers within the required timeframe to comply with the expanded Vaccination Order (the Order).
5. The Director General of Health met with port Chief Executives this week and confirmed all port workers are able to access COVID-19 vaccinations.
6. Since the announcement of the Order, officials from the Ministry of Health and Maritime New Zealand, representatives from PCBUs (particularly stevedoring companies), Port Unions and the respective DHB Operations leads have attended a series of education and engagement sessions at ports. Eight sessions have been completed to date at Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington, Christchurch, Napier, Nelson, Northland and Dunedin port sites. Further sessions are scheduled at Timaru, Taranaki and Gisborne ports to be completed by 17 August.
7. The focus of these engagement sessions has been to work through the implications of the VO and collaborate on an approach for encouraging further uptake of vaccination by port workers subject

to the order. All DHBs have established priority access for port workers at multiple community vaccination sites across their regions, where border workers and their whanau/household contacts can book vaccination appointments.

8. Seven DHB regions with Port sites have set up, or have plans to set up, on-site port vaccination clinics over August and early September. These DHBs include, Auckland Metro Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Nelson Marlborough, Capital and Coast, Tairāwhiti and Canterbury. The remaining DHB regions with port sites have established priority access for port workers at existing vaccination clinics close to the port location and across the community. We will work with these DHBs to support setting up on-site port vaccination clinics. These DHBs include Taranaki (already in close contact about setting up on-site clinics with the port if required), South Canterbury and Southern.
9. Further information with a summary of DHB vaccination plans for border worker by DHB/Port is provided on pages 4-6.
10. Vaccination rates by DHB for the port workforce (by DHB of domicile) is provided in the table below.

DHB	Border Workforce Port - ACTIVE workers as at 11 August 2021		
	No dose	One dose	Two doses
Auckland	36	12	109
Bay of Plenty	249	33	235
Canterbury	71	23	324
Capital and Coast	19	28	62
Counties Manukau	60	17	106
Hawkes Bay	60	16	134
Hutt Valley	11	18	21
Lakes	10	-	<10
MidCentral	<10	<10	<10
Nelson Marlborough	30	13	95
Northland	61	20	113
Overseas and undefined	<10	-	<10
South Canterbury	33	26	66
Southern	52	19	181
Tairāwhiti	49	<10	19
Taranaki	25	15	76
Waikato	18	<10	15
Wairarapa	<10	-	<10
Waitemata	66	16	177
West Coast	-	-	<10
Whanganui	<10	-	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>1,745</b>

*Notes on data:*

- *Around 1% of workers have multiple DHBs leading to some double counting. This will be addressed in future reporting*
- *Data extracted and count data as at 8:00am August 11. Vaccination status as at 9pm August 10. Active workers only.*

- *Variation is on the same day previous week.*
- *One dose means the worker has had one dose only.*
- *Two doses means the worker has had two doses.*
- *No dose means either the worker has not had any doses, or they cannot be matched in the CIR for another reason.*
- *An Active employee in the BWTR is defined as someone who has worked within the last 14 days. Data is sourced from the Border Worker Testing Register to reflect active border worker staff. These figures exclude inactive border workers and individuals who have self-identified as border workers at time of vaccination but have not been registered in the BWTR*
- *There may be instances of duplicates in the BWTR caused by staff working at multiple organisations*
- *Data quality is heavily dependent on uploads from PCBUs and inaccurate details (such as full name or DoB) may mean matches with CIR are not possible.*
- *Ongoing data maintenance and cleansing is being conducted by the PCBUs and new staff are added as they come online. As the data is cleaned and updated - including the addition and removal of staff as the workforce evolves - the numbers will continue to change.*

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## Summary of DHB vaccination plans for border worker (Port focus)

### Metro Auckland (Auckland, Waitematā, and Counties Manukau DHB):

- Plans are underway to set up on-site vaccination clinics at the Port (Fergusson Wharf) starting 23 August.
- Further planning for a possible clinic at Bledisloe Wharf.
- Two education sessions are planned on 17 and 19 August, organised in conjunction with the Port and will be attended by Union and HR representatives.
- Auckland DHB has proactively re-invited all known unvaccinated border workers on the CIR. The invitation is sent via text and/or email with instructions to book online on BMV, using a booking code. The booking code allows workers and their whanau/household contacts to book a priority appointment using reserved capacity at any of the 13 community sites across the region.
- A border worker or their household contact can also call Whakarongorau on 0800 28 29 26 and use the booking code to book over the phone if preferred.

### Northland DHB:

- Northland DHB has set up outreach clinics at the NZ Refinery testing location to offer vaccinations to port workers alongside testing. This started on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- Sufficient workforce has been allocated to this to allow enough time to provide support to workers regarding vaccination and to answer any questions.
- The onsite vaccination service is also open to household contacts and doesn't require a booking.
- Northport and PCBUs liaise/coordinate with Northland DHB to allocate timeslots that will maximise access by port workers.
- Additionally, all other community vaccination sites have reserved capacity available to be booked by border workers.

### Bay of Plenty:

- Bay of Plenty DHB held educational meetings for port workers and their representatives on 15 July and 2 August and have organised vaccination sessions at the testing sites for port workers.
- The Hull Road testing site will have vaccination sessions available for the week of 16 August Monday-Friday from 12pm to 5pm. Following this, Sulphur Point testing site will have vaccination sessions available for the week of 23 August Monday-Friday from 12pm to 5pm. The Port and PCBUs have details and established communication channels with the DHB to support booking at these sessions.
- The Port and PCBUs (and individual border workers) can also book appointments at one of two community vaccination sites.
- Contact details for booking at on-site port clinics and community vaccination clinics have been provided to PCBUs via Ports of Tauranga. These numbers are direct phone numbers to the Bay of Plenty DHB booking team who manage all priority bookings.

### Hawke's Bay DHB:

- Hawkes Bay DHB has met with the Port and PCBU's three times since the extended Vaccination Order was announced to collaborate on an approach to vaccinating border workers

- Details about a range of community clinics, primary care clinics, marae and pasifika church clinics have been provided to the Port and PCBUs with contact phone numbers and details (including booking codes) for border workers to use to access reserved capacity at these sites.
- One-on-one education sessions are available to port workers at their testing site throughout August.
- Pop-up vaccination clinics will be set up at the port from 13 September to provide additional opportunity for on-site vaccinations.

#### **Tairāwhiti DHB:**

- Tairāwhiti DHB has organised two on-site port vaccination events on 12 and 19 August at the port, with plans for a second round on-site (for second dose) approximately 21 days later.
- PCBUs have also been advised via Port Authorities that workers can also call the DHB booking centre or walk in to either of the community vaccination sites in Gisborne.

#### **Taranaki DHB:**

- Taranaki DHB is re-inviting all unvaccinated port workers to book through BMV. There is reserved capacity for border workers at the Baker Tilly Staples Rodway Building vaccination site (Ground Floor, Baker Tilly Staples Rodway Bldg, 109 Powderham Street, New Plymouth) and TSB Hub vaccination site (TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hawera) for anyone in Group 1 to get their vaccinations. Border workers are contacted by phone/email and provided with booking instructions for BMV.
- The DHB is currently engaging further with the Port Authority to determine if additional pop-up vaccination sites closer to the port are required, and with Māori health partners to identify opportunities to provide support/education for any Māori in Group 1.

#### **Capital and Coast DHB + Hutt Valley DHB:**

- Eight on-site port vaccination sessions are scheduled over August and early September at Centreport.
- Detailed communication has been sent by the DHBs to all PCBUs at Centreport Wellington detailing on-site port worker vaccination dates, how to book, and what to do at the appointment.
- Centreport Wellington has a dedicated booking system for Covid vaccinations for port workers and have organised vaccination pop-ups at the port worker testing site. The DHBs will also provide port workers with a dedicated phone number to call directly for a booking, if preferred.
- A process is currently being established to inform border workers of other vaccination options via community vaccination sites.

#### **Nelson Marlborough DHB:**

- Nelson Marlborough DHB has organised on-site vaccination clinics with flexible times/days to cater for port workers. Community vaccination sites are also available 7 days a week in both Nelson and Marlborough for people in Group 1 to be vaccinated within 24-48 hours.
- Education sessions have been held at both ports, and a retired doctor will be available for 1-on-1 queries.

- Further planning and discussions are being had with the Port about how to further increase uptake of vaccinations. The DHB has a close relationship with employers and directs workers to BMV for booking vaccinations.

#### **Canterbury:**

- Canterbury DHB organised two educational sessions for workers both inside and outside the port. There is a plan for a pop-up vaccination site for workers to access and get their vaccinations on-site.
- The port and DHB booking team have established communication channels in place to organise bookings for port workers. Workers are invited via text, phone, or email to book their vaccination.
- There are two mass vaccination sites available where port workers can access vaccination and bookings can also be made at another community site if needed.
- Port workers can also call 0800 CANVAX to book a priority appointment.

#### **South Canterbury DHB:**

- The South Canterbury DHB booking team makes bookings for border workers for the main clinic in Timaru, close to the port site, using names of port workers provided to the DHB by port companies.
- Same-day bookings are available.
- The DHB is having a discussion with port companies on 12 August about whether additional vaccination sessions for port workers are required outside clinic hours, due to shift work.

#### **Southern DHB:**

- Southern DHB is organising an education session where port workers can also get vaccinated after the session. Details on this are still being finalised.
- The DHB is in regular contact with the port company to make bookings for port workers. Walk-ins are accommodated at two DHB clinics and four Māori provider clinics, and Group 1 requests are prioritised.
- Port companies can contact the DHB or Site Managers directly if any urgent vaccination appointments are required.
- The DHB has also provided port companies and contractors with booking instructions via Book My Vaccine or a dedicated phone number.

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## Appendix 6

### Workplace COVID-19 Vaccination Expression of Interest (EOI) responses and next steps

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<b>Date:</b>	12 August 2021
<b>To:</b>	COVID-19 Vaccine Ministers
<b>From:</b>	Joanne Gibbs, National Director, COVID Vaccination and Immunisation Programme
<b>For your:</b>	Discussion

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#### **Workplace COVID-19 Vaccination Expression of Interest (EOI) responses and next steps**

The Ministry of Health has received over 330 responses to the EOI in total; of which 273 were from workplaces (some with vaccination providers, some without).

The types of workplaces who responded includes primary industries, manufacturing, construction, logistics, transport, tourism, telecommunications, electricity sector, grocery sector, retail, restaurants, professional services, banking, scientific sector, universities, central and local government.

Collectively the EOI responses covered approximately 300,000 New Zealand workforce.

The remainder of the responses are from vaccination providers who are not linked to a workplace, these are largely individual pharmacies. We will engage with this group to connect them with their DHB to explore opportunities for supporting local DHB initiatives.

The intention is to roll-out workplace vaccinations from September onwards (subject to provider capacity and other considerations).

#### **Workplaces 'in scope' for a national contract**

A joint Ministry of Health / DHB evaluation panel has been established to determine which workplaces would be best placed to be contracted nationally through the Ministry, and which would be better managed locally by a DHB.

The evaluation panel has met twice since the EOI process closed 23 July. Given the high number of responses, the initial review has focused on responses from:

1. workplaces with 1000+ staff and an identified vaccination provider (75 responses); and
2. smaller workplaces (70 – 1000 staff) who are in the target population including Maori, Pasifika, people with disabilities, people based in rural areas, shift-workers (61 EOI responses).

The evaluation panel has recommended 61 of these 136 workplaces could be considered for a national contract between the Ministry of Health and the workplace's vaccination provider

to deliver vaccinations at worksites. These are a mixture of larger workplaces and those with the target population. These workplaces have sites located across DHB boundaries, making sense for them to be managed centrally. The remainder would be best placed to be managed locally by DHBs.

DHB SROs will be considering this approach at their meeting 17 July, and the Ministry will engage with providers following the DHB SRO meeting.

The intention is to communicate with each of these 61 workplaces mid next week. This is to invite them to a webinar later in the week, which is an opportunity for them to learn what's involved in the onboarding process. We will also work with them to gather further information about their sites, number of staff at each site, any activity underway already with DHBs, etc to determine suitability to be a workplace vaccination site. The webinar will help explain why we need this level of detail.

We will be explaining that we are also concurrently having discussions with their vaccination providers to understand their capacity and any operational/timing constraints. While there was a high number of providers listed, a small number featured prominently in multiple responses, and we need to better understand their capacity.

As Group 4 populations have been included in DHB production plans, the vaccinations at any workplace vaccination sites (contracted nationally or locally) will be attributed to the local DHB production plans.

#### *Supermarket industry*

The supermarket industry has responded to the EOI through Foodstuffs South Island, Foodstuffs North Island and Woolworths NZ (Countdown). The Ministry of Health has commenced working with the supermarket industry to vaccinate their workforces from September, as the first workplaces as part of the national roll-out. This includes support centres, supply chain and supermarkets. Collectively they have a workforce of around 55,000 – with over twenty nationalities represented and many of their staff working shift work. Preliminary discussions are being held with all three groups and their providers this week.

#### *Central government agencies*

We are arranging a workshop (6 August) with the central government agencies that expressed an interest in workplace vaccinations, to see if there are opportunities for them to work together – particularly where they share an existing relationship with the same vaccination provider or may not have a vaccination provider.

#### ***Workplaces suitable for a DHB contract***

We propose to respond to all workplaces that don't meet criteria for a national contract next week, advising them that while they have not met the criteria for a national contract, we have informed the relevant DHB/s that they have expressed an interest in supporting their workforce to get vaccinated and therefore DHB/s may get in touch with them directly.

Alternatively, they may wish to proactively contact their local DHB/s to find out what opportunities to vaccinate their workforce are available locally.

DHBs will be provided with a list these workplaces and relevant information about whether or not they have an existing vaccination provider, the size of the workforce, and whether or not the workforce contains a high proportion of the target population.

### **Pilot sites**

Both Mainfreight and Fonterra pilot workforces are now underway vaccinating their staff, and in the case of Mainfreight also whanau.

Fonterra started this week at its Fanshawe Street site in Auckland with a wet-run to vaccinate 40 people followed by an additional 80 on 11 August. Future sites include Takanini which produces all of NZ domestic milk, Darfield, Edgecumbe, Waitoa, Clandeboye, Hautapu, Eltham, Te Rapa, Whareroa, FRDC, Edendale, Kauri, Te Awamutu, Linchfield and London Street

Mainfreight has vaccinated 871 people, which included a successful whanau day on Saturday 7 August. Following the 'hub and spoke' model in Auckland, they will roll out at their other major sites across NZ. The Ministry of Health team has meet with Don Braid and the Mainfreight team to work through challenges they have faced with how they've used the booking system and their model, which is a different approach that used by Fonterra. Learnings from both will be valuable when rolling out to the range of workplaces. We are receiving positive feedback overall from both Mainfreight and Fonterra.

The Warehouse are preparing to start vaccinating staff at one of their Auckland sites on 16 August. Their programme covers 1600 staff across 11 sites, including major supply and distribution centres and will run until 1 September for the first doses. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare continue to be onboarded with roll-out planned for late August to 1700 staff at one site in Auckland.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that you:

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| 1. | <b>Note and Discuss</b> | The information provided. |
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# Appendix 7: Disability Support Services vaccination progress report.

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# DSS Progress on notification and invitation

## DSS – notification and invitation as at COP 09 August 2021

DHBs are working to offer first doses to their DSS clients and staff by 31 August.

<i>DHB</i>	<i>Notification</i>	<i>Planned first dose</i>	<i>Further comments</i>
Northland	<p>Northland has made contact with all disability providers. All providers have been contacted to offer the vaccination to clients: 1,228 out of 1,443 clients have been invited.</p> <p>Northland DHB confirm that all providers have either offered vaccination to staff or have been provided with information to give their staff to get vaccination as part of Group 2 and 3</p>	<p>Northland DHB aim to offer first dose by 31 August however, they do not have NHI level data to progress this. All clients that Northland DHB have NHI data for have been contacted.</p> <p>Where they dont have NHI data, they have contacted the provider and asked them to send invitations on to their clients.</p>	<p>Northland DHB have completed first dose at IDEA Services with second doses planned on 20 August at their hub and on 23 August for home visits. Northland are working with Bloomfield school to arrange vaccination of their young adults. At this stage they are not progressing anything with the deaf community.</p>
Metro Auckland	<p>Auckland Metro can confirm that all disability providers have been sent an invite to disseminate to their staff a total of three times (in June, July and on the 6 August). Auckland Metro are also offering vaccination to all staff when they deliver an outreach service for community residential providers and specialist schools.</p>	<p>Auckland Metro confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August</p>	<p>Auckland Metro have a pop-up planned with Deaf Aotearoa on the 28 and 29 August. They have organised a information session in sign language. This session will be sent out to the community as well as an invite to the pop-up clinic. Auckland Metro is also working with Autism NZ on offering times at some of the vaccination centres that will be low stimulus and open specifically for this cohort.</p>
Bay of Plenty	<p>BoPDHB confirm that all providers have been contacted letting them know that their staff and clients are eligible.</p>	<p>BoPDHB confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.</p>	<p>BoP have set up lower sensory areas in their large vaccination sites to accommodate those who need it. TDHB have a home based vaccination team that is able to vaccinate people in their home.</p>
Hawke's Bay	<p>Hawkes Bay DHB have been in contact with half their disability providers. HBDHB have commenced liason with the remaining providers. They are organising their outreach process and will have this in place by the end of this week.</p>	<p>Hawkes Bay DHB have confirmed that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.</p>	<p>No specific events organised to date</p>

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<i>DHB</i>	<i>Notification</i>	<i>Planned first dose</i>	<i>Further comments</i>
MidCentral	MidCentral DHB have made contact with all their providers with information for their clients on how to book a vaccination. MidCentral DHB have made contact with the majority of their providers to invite their staff to book a vaccine in May. Some of these staff have been covered under ARC.	Midcentral confirm that all clients will be offered their first dose by 31 August.	Communication with the deaf community has commenced with the view to hold a targeted vaccination programme at an agreed site. Other events may be scoped as the need is identified.
Hutt Valley and Capital and Coast	<p>DHB has made contact with all disability providers. All providers have been contacted to offer the vaccination, or relevant support, to their staff.</p> <p>Continued progress is being made to contact the 943 remaining people for a booking by the DHB, through an outreach approach (e.g. festival event, familiar day service, or In Home), or with their GP; this will be completed by week ending 15 Aug 21.</p>	2DHB advise that the current plan is to have all providers on the DSS list to receive first dose by 31 August. This will be dependent on maximising patient experience and comfort.	The DHB are organising a series of disability-specific events (these events are being offered to DSS and non-DSS supported disabled people and their whānau).
Nelson Marlborough	Nelson Marlborough DHB have contacted all of its providers and offered staff and clients the vaccine.	Over 65% staff and clients have already been vaccinated. NMDHB confirm that all clients will be offered their first dose by 31 August.	<p>Clients have overwhelmingly preferred to attend standard clinics and in home visits have been offered where appropriate.</p> <p>NMDHB have offered earlier open times at regular clinics with low stimulus environments and other additional support.</p>
Whanganui	<p>Whanganui DHB have made contact all of their providers (33).</p> <p>Staff have been invited for vaccination from all providers. Note, there are providers on the Whanganui list that are located in the Manawatu that would have been invited by MidCentral DHB.</p>	Whanganui confirm that all clients will be offered their first dose by 31 August.	No specific events organised to date.
Southern	<p>Southern DHB have contacted all their providers except four, which are to be confirmed.</p> <p>Southern are surveying providers to understand who has offered vaccination to staff or provided support to staff to be vaccinated.</p> <p>Southern have engaged with providers and offered 3 options for vaccination of clients: attending an existing vaccination clinic, organising a special clinic for clients at a familiar site or 1 on 1 vaccination in home</p>	Southern DHB confirm that all clients will be offered their first dose by 31 August.	Southern DHB has a range of special onsite clinics if required and is identifying the one on one vaccinations that will be required.

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DHB	Notification	Planned first dose	Further comments
Waikato	Waikato DHB have engaged with all their providers. They have also offered vaccination to staff and provided support to staff to be vaccinated.	Waikato DHB confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.	Waikato DHB are meeting internally to scope low-sensory, NZSL interpreter or other disability needs booking times at their new community clinics and will publicise this via the relevant organisation.  Waikato DHB are also providing a mobile clinic anywhere in the Waikato.
Canterbury	Canterbury DHB have engaged with all their providers. The majority of these vaccinations will occur at tailored clinics and hence, will not show up on Book my Vaccine. They will be recorded in CIR and will show up when they have been completed.	Canterbury DHB confirm that all clients will be offered to book first dose by 31 August. However, due to capacity issues, not all clients will be vaccinated by this deadline.	No specific events organised to date.
South Canterbury	South Canterbury DHB have contacted all their providers.  Clients and whānau are continuing to be contacted as names become available. Appointments and support are offered in a timely manner.  All providers have been given booking office numbers to share with staff.	South Canterbury confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.	No specific events organised to date.
Wairarapa	Wairarapa DHB have engaged with all their providers except one (are seeking contact details).  Communication will go out this week to all providers to seek input into the most appropriate ways to reach, engage and vaccinate their unvaccinated clients. This will also include an information sheet, and a reminder to any unvaccinated staff that they can book their appointments any time.	Wairarapa DHB confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.	Engagement with Autism Wairarapa on how the DHB can best reach their clients, including linking in with regional partners. Plans are underway for individualised clinics for mental health clients experiencing severe and enduring mental health issues Currently offering Wairarapa-wide outreach (in home) vaccination opportunities to those requiring it on 2 days a week with current capacity of 25 per day

# DSS progress on notification and invitation

<i>DHB</i>	<i>Notification</i>	<i>Planned first dose</i>	<i>Further comments</i>
Taranaki	Taranaki are currently engaging with their disability providers.	Taranaki DHB will confirm Ministry next week when they will be able to offer first dose to their clients.	No specific events organised to date.
Lakes	Lakes DHB has engaged with all their disability providers. All providers have also offered vaccination to staff or provided support to staff to be vaccinated.	Lakes DHB confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.	Lakes DHB are discussing tentative plans to schedule disability specific events at Rotorua and/or Taupō hubs.
Tairāwhiti	Tairāwhiti DHB have engaged with all disability providers in their area. All clients and staff have been offered vaccinations.	Tairāwhiti DHB confirm that all clients will be offered first dose by 31 August.	There is ongoing discussions with providers and arrangements for vaccinations as required.

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## Appendix 8:

### UPDATE: Communications and engagement to support the vaccine rollout

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<b>Date:</b>	12 August 2021
<b>To:</b>	COVID Ministers
<b>From:</b>	Covid-19 Vaccination Immunisation Programme, Communications and Engagement Group Manager, Rachel Lorimer
<b>Subject:</b>	Communications and engagement support for COVID-19 vaccine rollout

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#### Purpose

1. This paper updates you on the communications and engagement activity we are undertaking to support the vaccine rollout as it progresses.

#### Communications and engagement activity

##### Week in review

2. The topics of most interest this week have been:
  - Announcement that bookings for Group 4 50+ age band will open early.
  - Discussion around a potential decision about increasing the time between first and second doses.
3. Traffic to the Book My Vaccine traffic homepage dropped 16% from its post launch high but was still busy with 172,000 visits.
4. Positive sentiment for vaccine related information on the Ministry of Health website and user-satisfaction on the Unite Against COVID-19 website increased even further this week.
5. A snapshot of our visual content for the week is provided is attached.

##### Media

6. Media focus over the past seven days has centred on the following:
  - The announcement by Minister Hipkins that the 50+ age band is opening early. This follows a decision to also open the 55+ age band earlier than planned. A successful morning media round was conducted by Dr Joe Bourne on behalf of the Ministry.
7. DHBs continue to orchestrate positive media stories to highlight their vaccination programmes, including:

- An autism-specific COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Wellington, at the Autism NZ Resource Centre, in Petone, with other low sensory events happening across the wider Wellington region.
  - Two Whanganui nurses have put their retirement on hold and go on a weekly 3-day road trip to ensure the region's most vulnerable people who can't access a clinic receive their COVID-19 vaccination.
  - Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group's Covid-19 vaccine clinics have helped bring the community together - at the first clinic, held last month, 1000 people were vaccinated, and this week's clinic was fully booked.
  - First pharmacy in Hawke's Bay rolls out COVID-19 vaccinations - the first of several pharmacies and general practices working with the DHB to deliver the vaccine to the region's population.
  - High vaccination uptake for Northport border workers. Organisations continue to work with employees to encourage, support and enable them to have their vaccinations by the September 30 deadline.
8. Revised population estimates using the health service user data (which counts the number of people who have received health services in a given year) are now on the Ministry's website for the first time. This data provides insight into uptake among Māori and Pacific people.

## Digital channels

9. Book My Vaccine website:
- The Book My Vaccine homepage has seen 172,313 visits this week – down 16% on the week before.
  - 10,000 people went to Book My Vaccine after coming to the Ministry of Health site first.
  - Of the 172,313 who came to the Book My Vaccine homepage:
    - 80,000 completed their booking (46%)
    - 29,000 people registered (17%)
    - 52,000 people 'managed their appointments' (30%)
    - 27,000 people rescheduled appointments
    - 6,000 cancelled appointments.
10. Ministry of Health website key themes:
- Visitors to vaccine content are up 9% this week.
  - 'How to book your vaccination' page views increased by 88% to 8,000 unique page views
  - 'Requesting proof of vaccination for overseas travel' page views increased by 176% to 6,200 unique page views.
  - Positive sentiment for vaccine content is at 88.7%, a 4% increase from the week before. This is an extremely positive satisfaction rate – the highest since the vaccine programme began.
  - Negative sentiment has shifted to side effects and second dose communications. Other comments include requests for official advice about the gap between doses.
11. Unite Against COVID website key themes:

- Traffic was down compared to last week, with a small spike on Friday 6 August when bookings opened for people aged 55+.
- User satisfaction with content continues to increase. 74% of website visitors who answered the question 'Did you find what you were looking for?' responded 'yes'.
- Search queries indicate a growing interest in vaccination certificates, while user survey feedback shows some people are experiencing technical difficulties using Book My Vaccine.
- Top search terms are 'book your COVID-19 vaccination' and 'COVID-19 vaccine rollout groups'.

## 12. Social media content:

- The Ministry's Facebook top-performing organic post was a flu shot/COVID-19 vaccine post which reached 1,095,362 people and had 20,215 engagements.
- Across other Facebook content, the 55+ announcement reached 68.5K people with 3,468 engagements, the vaccination story of Rakiura Stewart Island reached 76.6K people with 2,982 engagements and the Ministry also shared CDHB's video featuring TJ Perenara and his whānau which tells the story of whānau-based vaccinations.
- Key themes on the Ministry's Facebook page included very high levels of misinformation, people confused about the timing of the 55+ announcement and frustrated that they couldn't book when the announcement was made, as well as some people confused about being contacted to get the vaccine after they'd been vaccinated.
- On the Unite Against COVID-19 Facebook page, the call to those over 55 to book their vaccine has reached 875,048 people with 25,354 engagements. The team community managed a huge number of comments: 3,759 engageable comments within this time period with 863 replies from Unite Against COVID-19.
- Key themes on Unite Against COVID-19 included: people in Group 3 who have expired codes struggling to book their appointment; people struggling to book in their region; questions about timing between doses; and requests for vaccination cards.

## Engagement

### *Health-sector engagement*

#### 13. Over the last week we:

- We continue to support DHB comms leads with their vaccine programme promotional activities, including providing misinformation guidance and response.
- New information shared with DHBs and health sector peak bodies includes: the 55+ age band information and collateral, primary care onboarding document, and proof of vaccination key messages.
- Distributed the 15th primary care and health care newsletter.
- Connected with IMAC, NZMA, GPNZ, RNZCGP and the pharmacy sector.
- We are connecting with CVIP regional account managers and leads to gain a better understanding of the DHBs' rollout plans, progress and challenges.

### *Non-health-sector engagement*

14. Engagement with other sectors has focused on the pathways for people in Group 3 to book appointments through webinars to demonstrate Book My Vaccine and dissemination to and meetings of engagement groups for Māori, Pasifika peoples, older people and disabled people, as well as ethnic communities including through the Ministry of Ethnic Communities.
15. Work is well progressed to prepare communications to these sectors for the announcement regarding the gap between doses. Alternate formats and language translations of short summary information will be prepared.
16. Port Chalmers and the Port Taranaki have been visited to meet with port workers, managers and unions.
17. Engagement with the businesses piloting the workplace vaccination model has involved refining the information and tools they need with a successful wet-run for the second pilot business, Fonterra, on 10 August.

### **Campaign and content**

18. The vaccine campaign continues to focus on the Group 4 age band rollout, with the 55+ advertising going live on 6 August in press (national dailies), on TV and radio, in social and on digital media (Youtube and video on demand). It encourages people aged 55 and over to go to Book My Vaccine to reserve their vaccinations spot, or to call the COVID Vaccination Healthline to book.
19. The message is also translated on Pacific and other ethnic radio stations, and throughout the Māori Media Network stations. See radio, press and social attached, and link to TV <https://transfer.clemenger.co.nz/?u=hXJFHd&p=tnVgxt>
20. We are scheduled to be in market until late Thursday 12 August, finishing prior to the 50+ age band rollout starting on Friday 13 August.
21. We are also working on promotional approaches for audiences we do not reach well via mainstream approaches, such as Maori, Pacific, disabled people, and younger people.

### *Karawhiau*

22. This week the focus is on the new live mapping function that enables whānau to find local vaccination sites, including Māori health centres and pop-in vaccination clinics. It will be made accessible via the homepage of the zero-rated website [www.karawhiau.nz](http://www.karawhiau.nz)

### **Realm and Polynesia**

23. Supported Realm countries with public communications regarding New Zealand's decision to change the gap between doses from three to six weeks.

### **Next week's priorities**

24. Supporting the opening of the 55+ age band and planning the rest of the age band openings.
25. Communications planning to strengthen our communications and engagement for Māori, Pacific people, and disabled people as we scale up the rollout/
26. Planning our communications and engagement with younger age bands which will require different approaches.

## Examples of recent vaccine communications, engagement, campaign and collateral

### Campaign



Press advertising announcing the 55+ age band on 6 August.

If you're aged 55 or older reserve your spot for a COVID-19 vaccination now.

Remember, there is enough vaccine for everyone. And there's no cut off point, so you can book at any time. It's also completely free.

**BookMyVaccine.nz**

0800 28 29 26 (8am to 8pm, 7 days)

*The stronger our immunity, the greater our possibilities.*

Find out more at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)



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COVID-19**

### Proactive media



[Protecting the pā: Vaccinating against Covid-19 on the marae](#) positive news story by the Spinoff in partnership with the University of Otago.

## Content and channels – Top performing Ministry of Health and Unite Against COVID-19

### Unite Against COVID-19 Facebook

[COVID-19 over 55+ call to book their vaccine](#) has reached 875,048 people with 25,354 engagements.

### Ministry of Health Facebook

### Most popular post:

[The flu shot/COVID-19 vaccine post](#) has reached 1,095,362 people and had 20,215 engagements.

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## Appendix 9

### Update on vaccine rollout support to the Pacific

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**Date:** 13 August 2021

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**To:** COVID-19 Vaccine Ministers

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**From:** Megan McCoy, Group Manager Global Health

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**Subject:** Update on vaccine rollout support to the Pacific

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#### Purpose

1. This report provides an update on New Zealand support for COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the Pacific.

#### Update across the Pacific

2. Overall, there is good progress is being made in the Pacific region with regards to the vaccine rollout.
3. Tokelau commenced their rollout of dose two on Tuesday 10 August. Prior to delivering dose two, vaccinators were provided refresher training on processes including needle and syringe use and dilution techniques. The second dose was delivered week of 9 August and final figures from the rollout will be included in reporting week of 16 August.
4. We have commenced planning with the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) on building medium- to long-term capability in the Cook Islands, Niue, and Tokelau health systems should administering of COVID-19 vaccines be an ongoing requirement.
5. The Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau are forecast to conclude their general population vaccine rollout programmes by the week commencing 23 August, which includes the completion of Palmerston Island. There has been a slight delay in completion date as the Cook Islands as vaccinators are being moved from the outer islands to Palmerston Island. We are expecting the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau to have fully vaccinated over 90% of their eligible population.

#### *Pfizer vaccine for youth*

6. We continue to work closely with the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau as they plan to vaccinate the 12-15-year-old cohort. All three have indicated they are awaiting New Zealand decision-making for this cohort to inform their own.
7. Planning workshops with Tonga commenced this week on the potential dose donation of the Pfizer vaccine for their 12-17-year-old cohort. Tonga has also requested access to Pfizer vaccine for pregnant women. Tonga has announced in local media that Pfizer vaccine from New Zealand will be used for these cohorts.

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8. Planning with Fiji will commence on 16 August on the potential dose donation of the Pfizer vaccine for their 12-17-year-old cohort. The delivery (timeframes and volumes) of vaccines is subject to Cabinet approval on 23 August. We have responded to Samoa's formal request for the Pfizer vaccine for their 12-17-year-old cohort but have yet to confirm the initial planning session.
9. New Zealand has re-engaged with Tuvalu with the offer of Pfizer vaccine for their younger-age cohorts. Tuvalu have put a request to their Cabinet, seeking approval to vaccinate their 12-17-year-old cohort. They will confirm with New Zealand the decision made by Cabinet and next steps.
10. Formal approval for dose donation to the above countries will be sought in upcoming Cabinet papers on New Zealand's vaccine portfolio.

### *Dose donations*

11. New Zealand officials continue to progress the COVAX pathway for donation of up to 376,000 doses of AstraZeneca to Pacific countries including Fiji. Other countries receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine from New Zealand via the COVAX pathway are Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands. We anticipate that these vaccines doses will be dispatched from AstraZeneca in early September. Any surplus from this amount plus the remainder of the shipment (approximately 500,000 doses) will be un-earmarked for other COVAX Advance Market Commitment countries. See Attachment 3 and 4 for a further update on Polynesia and Fiji.
12. Likeminded donors in the Pacific have made (and are planning further) large donations of COVID-19 vaccines to the Pacific. This means that most Pacific Island countries are on their way to full vaccination coverage for eligible populations this year, and partners' contributions have reduced the volume required from New Zealand to meet these targets. The exception is Papa New Guinea, which has capacity challenges limiting the speed of its vaccine rollout.
13. Donors (Australia, New Zealand, Japan, US and COVAX/WHO) are now meeting regularly to share information about planned donations. The unpredictability of vaccine supply, including issues in the production process and confidential commercial arrangements, continues to hamper donors' ability to plan and coordinate more than a few weeks ahead.

### **Attachments**

1. Pacific support dashboard
2. Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau dashboard
3. Other Polynesian countries (Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu) dashboard
4. Fiji weekly dashboard

# ATTACHMENT 1 - PACIFIC SUPPORT DASHBOARD

## VACCINE AND IMMUNISATION SUMMARY REPORT

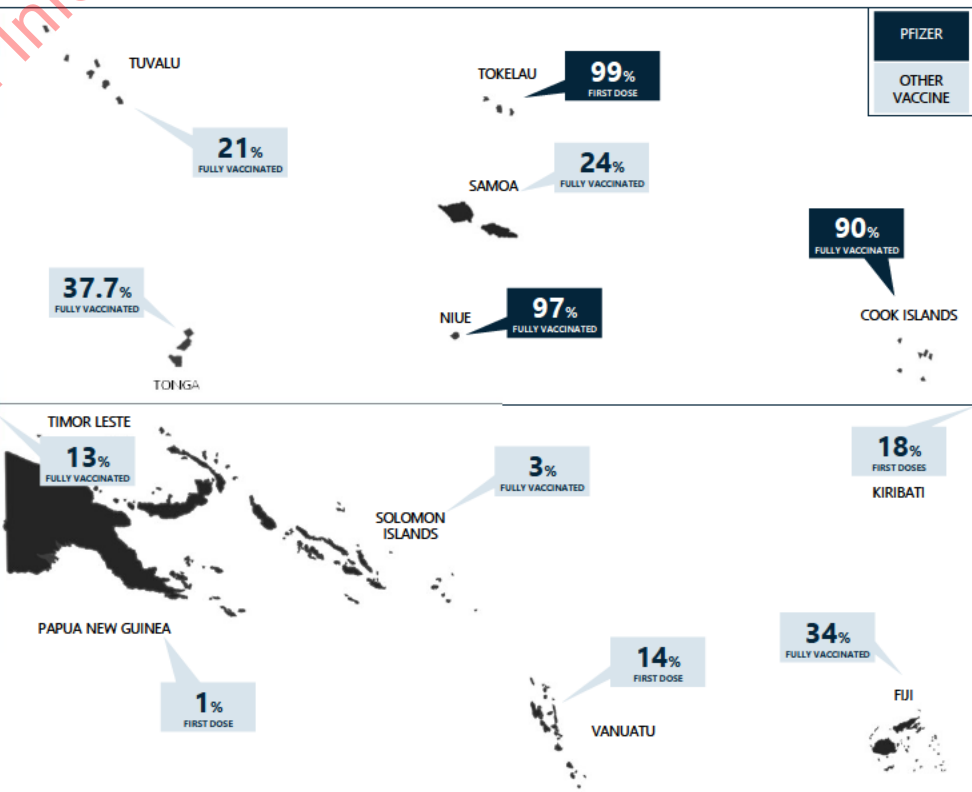
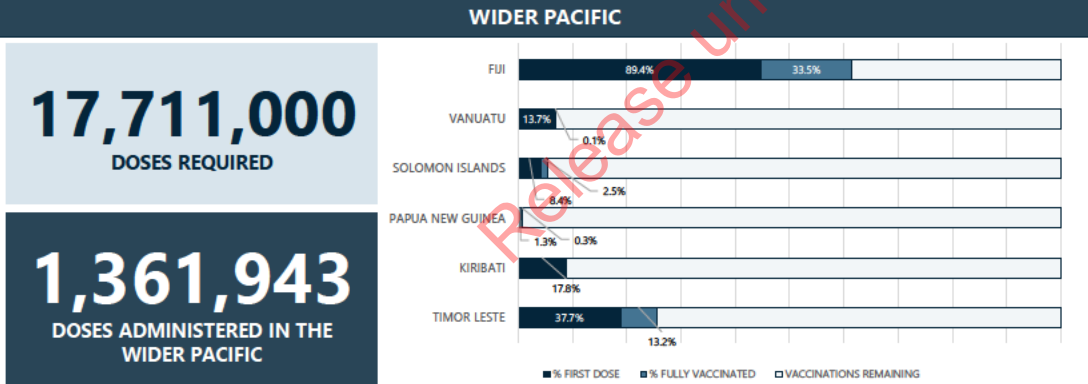
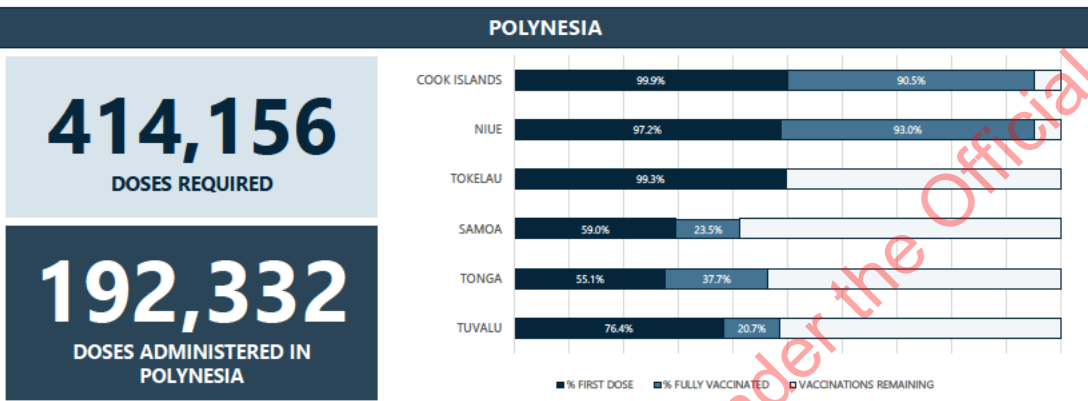
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### OVERVIEW

- New Zealand's engagement and offer to supply COVID-19 vaccines to the Pacific is under active implementation. Through our Advance Purchasing Agreement with AstraZeneca, 708,400 doses will be shipped to us the first week of September. To meet our commitment to the Pacific countries, Ministers have agreed we will donate the doses via COVAX, earmarked to Fiji and Tonga, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Kiribati (to meet country requests). Any remaining doses will be donated to COVAX Advanced Market Commitment countries un-earmarked.
- We continue to work closely with the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau in support of their vaccine rollout, providing associated support. This includes potentially expanding their programme to include the population aged 12 to 15 years old.
- Samoa, Tonga and Fiji are interested in using Pfizer for the 12-17 years age group. Approval to donate will be sought from Cabinet in August.

### DONATIONS IN THE PACIFIC

DONOR	DOSES DELIVERED	DOSES COMMITTED BUT UNDELIVERED	TOTAL DELIVERED AND COMMITTED	COMMENTARY
NEW ZEALAND	237,690	211,194	448,884	Of the doses delivered, approximately 200,000 doses are from New Zealand's 1.668 million AstraZeneca dose donation to COVAX which have been distributed to Pacific countries. The remainder includes bilateral donations of Pfizer to the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau. A further 708,400 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine will be donated in early September.
AUSTRALIA	972,470	14,069,520	15,041,990	Australia continues to deliver vaccines to the Pacific on a weekly basis, donating a total of 972,470 doses of AstraZeneca so far. More than 500,000 of those have gone to Fiji.
JAPAN	-	900,000	900,000	Japan recently announced their intention to donate 3 million doses to the Pacific. The 948,000 doses represents the first consignment to a number of countries in the Pacific which will be delivered from now to mid August.
USA	452,480	247,600	700,080	The USA have committed to donating 7 million vaccines to the Asia-Pacific. A donation of 150,080 doses of the Moderna vaccine to Fiji, and 302,400 doses of the single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine to Papua New Guinea have been made. Timing of future consignments are to be confirmed. Vaccine donations from the USA are likely to be Pfizer, J&J, and Moderna.
CHINA	270,000	-	270,000	China has donated 270,000 doses of Sinopharm to the Pacific. We have not received further indication of China's donation intentions in the region.
COVAX/OTHER	732,800	752,000	1,484,800	Donations totalling 752,000 doses from COVAX, Portugal (for Timor Leste) and Serbia are still outstanding. Timing of delivery is yet to be confirmed



NOTE: Maps are not to scale

# ATTACHMENT 2 - REALM COUNTRIES DASHBOARD

as at 11 AUGUST 2021

## COOK ISLANDS

ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cook Islands have received their final consignment of vaccines. Their vaccine rollout is scheduled to be completed by the week of 16 August.</li> <li>We expect to receive an update on vaccination rates in the coming week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning to vaccinate those aged between 12 and 15 year olds – subject to New Zealand Cabinet approval.</li> <li>We are providing ongoing support to Cook Island clinics for people who are no longer hesitant and now wish to receive the vaccine.</li> </ul>

# 21,761

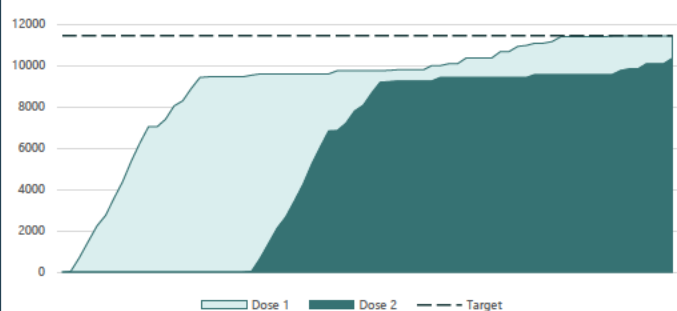
VACCINES ADMINISTERED

FIRST DOSES

## 11,416

SECOND DOSES

## 10,345



CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	10,345
FIRST DOSE	1,071
REMAINING	26
ELIGIBLE POPULATION	11,442



## NIUE

ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning to vaccinate those aged between 12 and 15 year olds – subject to New Zealand Cabinet approval.</li> </ul>

# 2,352

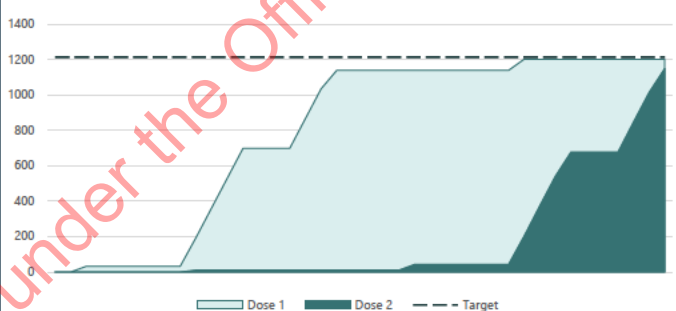
VACCINES ADMINISTERED

FIRST DOSES

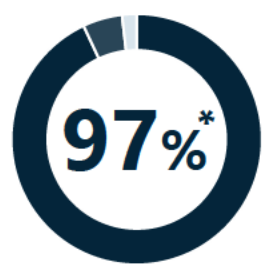
## 1,202

SECOND DOSES

## 1,150



CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	1,150
FIRST DOSE	63
REMAINING	23
ELIGIBLE POPULATION	1,236



## TOKELAU

ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tokelau are currently administering second doses to their eligible population. We expect to receive an update by the end of the week.</li> <li>IMAC have delivered a further three webinars to revisit the vaccination process to ensure maximum vaccine utilisation from vials.</li> <li>The vaccine rollout is scheduled to be completed 13 August.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning to vaccinate those aged between 12- and 15-year-olds – subject to New Zealand Cabinet approval. Timeframes for this will need to be worked through due to the logistical challenges of delivery.</li> <li>Rollout of dose two commenced 10 August.</li> <li>Discussion on the vaccination of the Apia based Tokelau population.</li> </ul>

# 968

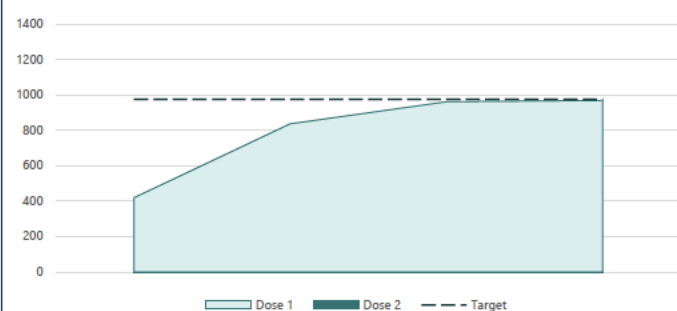
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FIRST DOSES

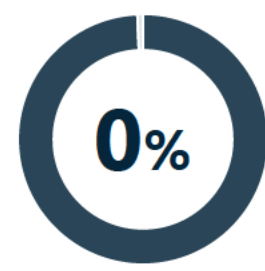
## 968

SECOND DOSES

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CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	-
FIRST DOSE	968
REMAINING	7
ELIGIBLE POPULATION	975



\*Figure adjusted to reflect Niue's reporting. The difference in vaccination rate is due to two deaths (unrelated to vaccination), pregnancies between doses, and people receiving doses in New Zealand and Tokelau.

# ATTACHMENT 3 - OTHER POLYNESIAN COUNTRIES (SAMOA, TONGA & TUVALU) DASHBOARD

as at 11 AUGUST 2021

SĀMOA	
ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sāmoa's vaccine rollout continues, with 71,957 people receiving at least one dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.</li> <li>Sāmoa's third and final COVAX shipment arrived on 5 August with 26,400 doses of AstraZeneca.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will have a workshop with Sāmoan health officials week of 16 August to plan for a possible donation of the Pfizer vaccine for 12-17 year olds.</li> </ul>

TONGA	
ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
<p>The current request for dose donation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30,000 doses of Pfizer</li> <li>36,000 doses of AstraZeneca.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have met with Tonga understand the level of support required from us to ensure a safe delivery of the AstraZeneca vaccine at the end of August and to plan a delivery of Pfizer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued joint planning discussions with Tongan Health officials to ensure a safe delivery of both the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines.</li> </ul>

TUVALU	
ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST WEEK	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuvalu's Cabinet are currently deciding whether or not they would like to vaccinate those aged 12-17 year olds using Pfizer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting advice from Tuvalu following its Cabinet's consideration of Pfizer vaccine for its 12-17-year-old population.</li> </ul>

**DOSES REQUIRED: 243,858**

**DOSES REQUIRED: 129,212**

**DOSES REQUIRED: 13,800**

**DONORS**

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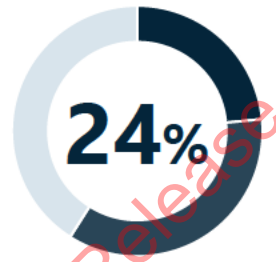
**DONORS**

DONOR	DOSES DELIVERED	DOSES COMMITTED BUT UNDELIVERED	DELIVERY DETAILS
NEW ZEALAND	-	-	Samoa do not require support at this stage.
COVAX	79,200	-	Final delivery was made 5 August.
AUSTRALIA	50,000	160,000	Further delivery details to be confirmed.
JAPAN	-	112,000	Delivery is scheduled for 19 August.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,800</b>	<b>328,400</b>	<b>391,200</b>

DONOR	DOSES DELIVERED	DOSES COMMITTED BUT UNDELIVERED	DELIVERY DETAILS
NEW ZEALAND	4,800 (COVAX)	Up to 36,000	Late August delivery.
COVAX	43,200	-	-
AUSTRALIA	19,000	Up to 36,000	Delivered 9,000 the week of 2 August.
JAPAN	-	36,000	Delivery from now to end of August.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>171,000</b>

DONOR	DOSES DELIVERED	DOSES COMMITTED BUT UNDELIVERED	DELIVERY DETAILS
NEW ZEALAND (COVAX)	4,800	-	-
COVAX	4,800	-	-
AUSTRALIA	7,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,600</b>

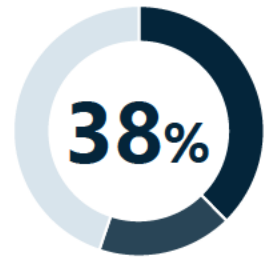
CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	28,653
FIRST DOSE	43,304
REMAINING	49,972
<b>ELIGIBLE POPULATION</b>	<b>121,929</b>



**100,610**  
VACCINES ADMINISTERED

**FIRST DOSES**  
**71,957**  
**SECOND DOSES**  
**28,653**

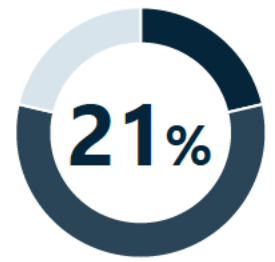
CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	24,342
FIRST DOSE	11,254
REMAINING	29,010
<b>ELIGIBLE POPULATION</b>	<b>64,606</b>



**59,938**  
VACCINES ADMINISTERED

**FIRST DOSES**  
**35,596**  
**SECOND DOSES**  
**24,342**

CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	1,431
FIRST DOSE	3,841
REMAINING	1,431
<b>ELIGIBLE POPULATION</b>	<b>6,703</b>



**6,703**  
VACCINES ADMINISTERED

**FIRST DOSES**  
**5,272**  
**SECOND DOSES**  
**1,431**

# ATTACHMENT 4 - FIJI WEEKLY DASHBOARD

## VACCINE ROLLOUT

### WEEKLY UPDATE

- COVID-19 case numbers in Fiji continue to be severely underestimated. Health officials estimate that 60-70 percent of the Central Division's population have either had or will get COVID-19, putting the unvaccinated population at much higher risk.
- With cases increasing in the Western Division, there is growing concern that Fiji's Ministry of Health will not have the resources required to respond to concurrent peak outbreaks in both the Western and Central Divisions.
- Despite the significant strain that the health system is under, vaccination rates continue to be high, and 34 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated.
- New Zealand has arranged health-to-health engagement week of 16 August to begin the planning process for the potential donation of the Pfizer vaccine to Fiji in Q4. Fiji has submitted a formal request for the Pfizer vaccine to vaccinate their 12-17-year-old cohort, pending New Zealand's decision to use Pfizer within this age group domestically.

## COVID-19 SITUATION AND NZ SUPPORT

### SUPPORT TO DATE

New Zealand has provided over \$60 million in COVID-19 financial assistance, PPE, testing equipment, and support to civil society organisations.

ANZMAT is working with the Fijian Ministry of Health to provide immediate support for health system management and infection prevention control. The ANZMAT assessment of Fiji's priority needs will inform the next phase of our support.

### WEEKLY UPDATE

- Officials are continuing to explore a range of options for New Zealand to provide further medical personnel to support Fiji's response, including drawing on support from the PMA and Red Cross.
- MFAT has entered a partnership with CureKids New Zealand to provide up to NZ\$4 million for oxygen support. This includes up to NZ\$2.2 million on equipment - oxygen concentrators, adapters for cylinders, pulse oximeters, regulators, flowmeters and other supplies and consumables.

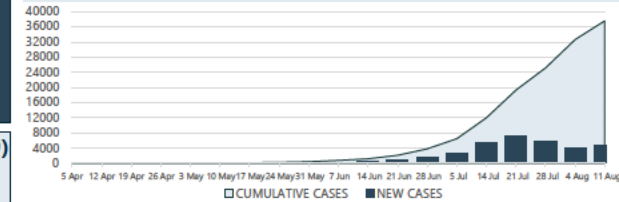
### COVID-19 CASES (SINCE LAST REPORTED)

(↑ 1,731)  
**24,420**  
ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES

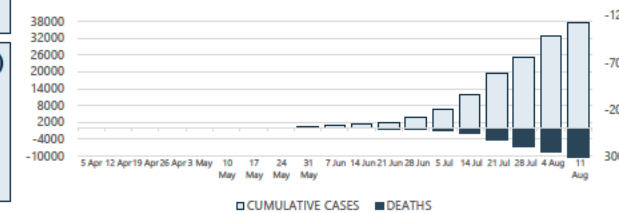
(↑ 4,849)  
**37,582**  
CUMULATIVE COVID-19 CASES

(↑ 56)  
**317**  
DEATHS FROM COVID-19

### COVID-19 CASES OVER TIME



### CUMULATIVE CASES RELATIVE TO DEATHS



TOTAL DOSES REQUIRED: 1,170,000

**719,184**  
TOTAL VACCINES ADMINISTERED

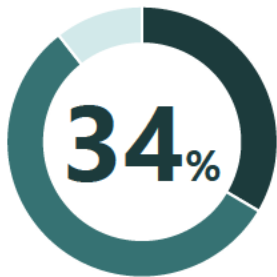
FIRST DOSES ADMINISTERED SINCE LAST REPORTED  
**+28,307**

SECOND DOSES ADMINISTERED SINCE LAST REPORTED  
**+37,751**

### VACCINATIONS BY REGION

REGION	INFECTIONS	ELIGIBLE POPULATION	FIRST DOSE	SECOND DOSE
<b>CENTRAL</b> (Eastern Viti Levu, including Suva)	Widespread community transmission	219,459	236,172	86,011
<b>EASTERN</b> (Lau, Kadavu and Lomaiviti)	Fewer than 10 cases - in quarantine	6,889	11,390	1,664
<b>NORTHERN</b> (Vanua Levu)	Fewer than 5 cases - in quarantine	60,574	68,763	9,976
<b>WESTERN</b> (Western Viti Levu including Nadí)	Widespread community transmission	207,305	207,180	98,806

### PERCENTAGE OF THE ELIGIBLE POPULATION THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED



**156,270**  
DOSES STILL REQUIRED

**100,000**  
NEW ZEALAND'S UPCOMING DONATION

**200,000**  
UPCOMING DONATIONS FROM OTHER DONORS

### DOSES DELIVERED TO DATE

	DOSES DELIVERED	UNDELIVERED DOSES	TOTAL	COMMENTARY
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>2,400 (COVAX)</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>202,400</b>	The shipment of AstraZeneca vaccines from New Zealand is scheduled for the first week of September. The vaccines are expected to expire on 31 December.
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>560,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	Australia continue support Fiji in their vaccination rollout, so far donating 560,000 doses. A further 200,000 doses are scheduled to arrive this week.
<b>COVAX</b>	<b>100,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,800</b>	All doses allocated through COVAX have now been delivered.
<b>INDIA</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	India donated 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca on 29 March and have not committed to delivering any more vaccines since.
<b>JAPAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	Japan plans to deliver 56,000 doses by Mid August
<b>EU MEMBER STATE (SPAIN)</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	Fiji has accepted 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca from Spain. This was delivered and financed by New Zealand.
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>150,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,080</b>	A shipment of 150,080 doses of Moderna arrived in Fiji in mid July.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,013,280</b>	<b>596,000</b>	<b>1,609,280</b>	In total, Fiji have received 1,013,280 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines. A total of 1,609,280 have been committed to be delivered this year, but uncertainty around the timing of delivery remains.

CATEGORY	POPULATION
FULLY VACCINATED	196,022 (34%)
DOSE 1 ADMINISTERED	327,149 (56%)
ELIGIBLE POPULATION REMAINING	61,838 (10%)
TOTAL ELIGIBLE POPULATION	585,000

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### Contract Management Update

#### Pfizer

**Delivery schedule:**

- This week's Pfizer vaccine shipment of 388,440 doses arrived on schedule.
- To date, we have received 3,079,440 doses of Pfizer's vaccine.

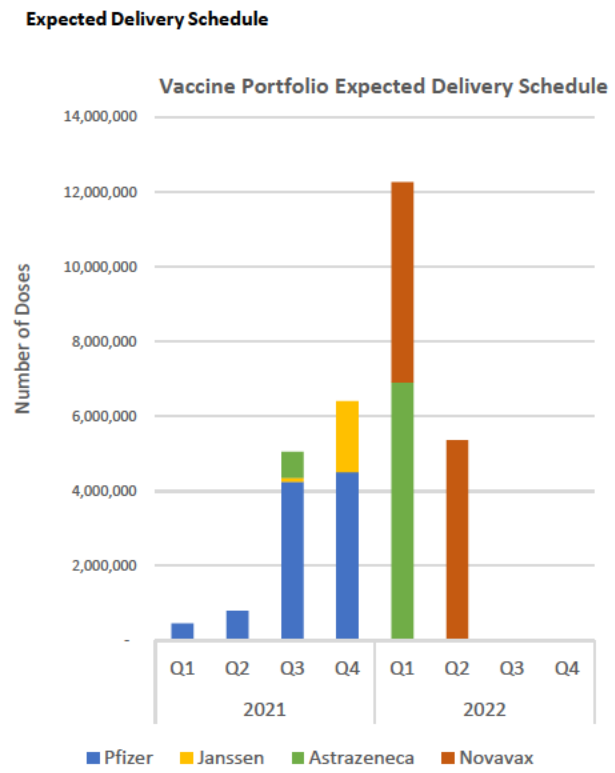
**Contract management:**

- A cross-agency working group (MoH, Treasury, MFAT, PHARMAC), supported by Bell Gully, has been established to carry out negotiations with Pfizer for the purchase of vaccines in 2022 onwards.
  - This group held its first meeting this week, focused on negotiation priorities.
- Pfizer is seeking urgent advice from MoH on our preferred Q4 delivery schedule to meet our immunisation needs and reduce wastage.
  - A decision will be sought from Cabinet on 23 August to profile the delivery schedule in Q4.
- The Decision to Use the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds will be considered by Cabinet on 16 August.

**Donation to Polynesia:**

- A number of countries in the Pacific have requested doses of Pfizer to support the immunisation of their 12-15/17 year old cohorts.
- Tokelau has administered first doses to 99% of its eligible population.
- Niue has administered first doses to 98% and fully vaccinated 97% of its eligible population.
- The Cook Islands has administered first doses to 98% and fully vaccinated 90% of its eligible population.

	2021												2022												Total	Risks
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>Pfizer</b>	Decision to use for 16+				Decision to use for 12-15's												~4 month shelf life				10.1 million doses	4-week rolling delivery schedule, potential waste longer term if uptake is lower than planned				
	450,000 doses				900,000 doses				4.25 million doses				4.5 million doses													
	Medsafe Approved				12-15 y/o approved				Expected 5-11 y/o decision				Expected 0.5-2 y/o decision													
<b>Janssen</b>													Decision to use for 18+								2 million doses	Global supply issues, Janssen still to confirm NZ's overall delivery schedule				
													2 million doses								~2 year shelf life				2 million doses	
													Medsafe Approved													
<b>AstraZeneca</b>													Decision to use 2022												7.6 million doses	Delivery timelines for donation are being finalised
													700,000 doses				6.9 million doses				~4 month shelf life					
													Medsafe Approved													
<b>Novavax</b>													Decision to use 2022												10.72 million doses	Still to complete phase 3 clinical trials, expected in September
													Medsafe Decision Expected													
																					~4 month shelf life					



#### Janssen

**Delivery schedule:**

- Janssen has advised that it is amending its Medsafe application to include its US Emergent manufacturing site for NZ supply. If approval to this site is granted swiftly, Janssen has committed to delivering 0.1 million doses in September and our remaining 1.9 million doses across Q4.

**Contract management:**

- MoH is in active discussion with Janssen to solidify the delivery schedule and understand its Medsafe regulatory application amendment. This information will inform the advice provided to Cabinet on the Decision to Use on 30 August.

#### AstraZeneca

**Delivery schedule:**

- AstraZeneca has confirmed that the batch size of our Q3 delivery is 704,200. We are working with AstraZeneca to confirm the earliest delivery date for these doses, expected first week of September.

**Contract management:**

- Medsafe granted AstraZeneca provisional regulatory approval on 22 July 2021.

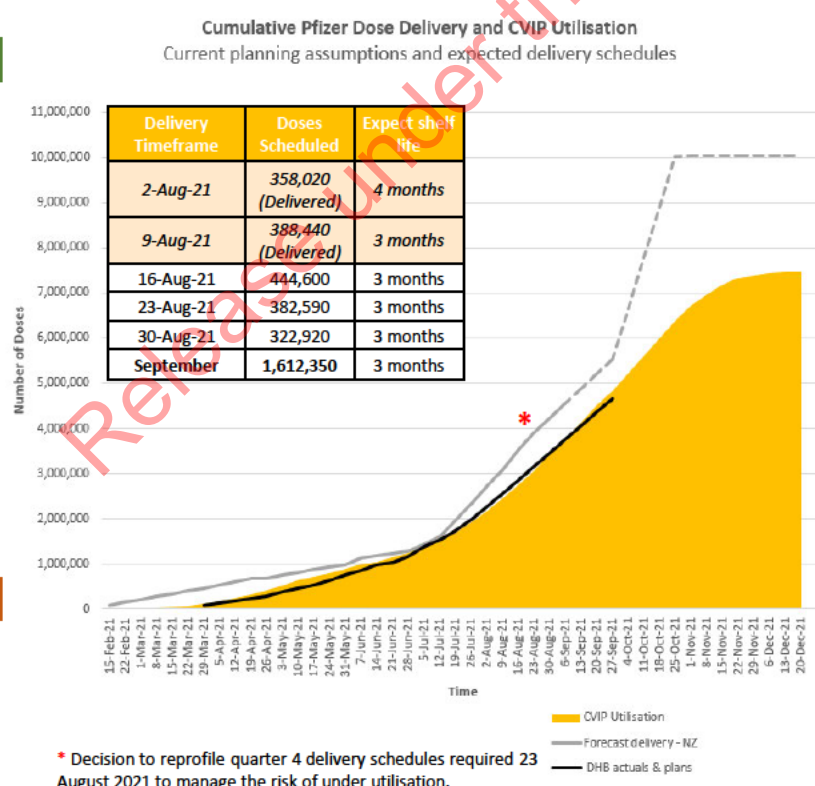
**Donation to the Pacific:**

- Vaccine Ministers have agreed to donate our Q3 shipment to the COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC).
- COVAX has agreed in principle to earmark our donation to countries in the Pacific in line with our existing commitments to the region.
- Official are working with AstraZeneca and COVAX to finalise the required dose donation documentation.
- The Minister of Finance will receive a request to extend the indemnity for the ancillary costs associated with the donation of AstraZeneca to the COVAX AMC this week.

#### Novavax

- Novavax expects the final part of its rolling regulatory approval submission to be submitted at the end of October 2021.
- The Ministry is working with Novavax to provide our preferred delivery schedule for their vaccine in 2022. Once Novavax has confirmation of this schedule it will provide us and amendment to our APA reflecting the revised delivery schedule timing.

## COVID-19 Immunisation Programme Utilisation



## Donation Utilisation

### Summary of Vaccine Donation

Doses	Doses Delivered	Doses Committed	Notes
Pfizer – Bilateral donation	25,800	28,116	
AstraZeneca – COVAX donation	232,000	1,668,000	The next waves of allocation are expected at a later date based regional earmarking and the WHO allocation framework.
AstraZeneca – APA donation	-	704,200	Expected delivery week of 6 September.
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,800</b>	<b>2,400,316</b>	

### Distribution of Vaccine Donations to date

Country	Doses Delivered	Doses Committed
Cook Islands	21,180	23,402
Niue	2,370	2,374
Tokelau	2,250	2,340
Samoa*	-	-
Tonga*	4,800	40,800
Tuvalu	4,800	4,800
Fiji*	24,000	224,000
Papua New Guinea	146,400	146,400
Solomon Islands*	28,000	78,000
Vanuatu*	-	24,000
Timor-Leste	24,000	24,000
Remaining COVAX AMC	-	1,854,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,800</b>	<b>2,400,316</b>

\*The number of doses committed has shifted to better reflect countries vaccine need from NZ

