



# How to get your **vaccination**

Information for Border/MIQ workers

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# Initial roll-out

The vaccination of the border and MIQ workforce is expected to start from Saturday 20 February. While the finer details are currently being confirmed, we expect this to take shape in a staged roll-out, in the following sequence based on DHB region.

| DHB region                                                                                                                              | First vaccinations from |
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| Waitematā<br>Auckland<br>Counties Manukau                                                                                               | Saturday 20 February    |
| Capital & Coast                                                                                                                         | Monday 22 February      |
| Canterbury                                                                                                                              | Wednesday 24 February   |
| Waikato                                                                                                                                 | Friday 26 February      |
| Lakes                                                                                                                                   | Saturday 27 February    |
| Northland<br>Bay of Plenty<br>Taranaki<br>Tairāwhiti<br>Hawke's Bay<br>Nelson Marlborough<br>South Canterbury<br>Southern<br>West Coast | Monday 1 March          |

The remainder of this information sheet provides a brief outline of how the vaccination process will work for border/MIQ workers so you know what to expect, what you need to do, and where to find more information.



## Step 1:

### Collecting your contact information

The first step is for us to confirm the contact details of eligible workers (those currently undergoing testing under the Required Testing Order), so that health workers can get in touch with you to arrange your vaccination and provide any information you need.

As a starting point we plan to draw on the contact details that are collected through the mandatory testing regime and are working with border agencies and employers to add these records to the new COVID-19 Immunisation Register that has been developed to record vaccination data.

We will then use the preferred contact details you have listed, as well as coordinating with your employer to:

- schedule your vaccination
- invite you to nominate your household contacts – the people you live most closely with, who should also be offered vaccinations.

We will continue to discuss with employers the easiest option for confirming contact details through their systems.



## Step 2:

### Invitation to nominate your close contacts

Once your contact details are confirmed in the system, we will share these with the DHB health workers who will be providing the vaccinations.

You will be sent a link to an online form you can use to provide the details of the people you live with who should also be offered the vaccine, and also to help schedule your vaccination appointment.

The contact details of the people you live with will also be added to the COVID-19 Immunisation Register and we will contact them at a later date, once the rollout to border/MIQ workers is well underway.

For people who can't easily access online or digital systems, you can call 0800 282 926.



## Step 3:

### Make a vaccination appointment

Vaccinations will be made available onsite where, or near where, you work and you will be contacted directly to organise a vaccination time. We encourage you to discuss this with your employer to ensure this fits with your work commitments.

Once those details are confirmed, a health worker will be in touch with you to confirm your time and provide any additional information or respond to any other questions you might have.

We encourage you to talk to your employer so you can plan your appointment schedule together and avoid situations where everyone is off the job at the same time.

Staggering appointments will also help minimise the small, but potential risk of workers experiencing any potential side effects at the same time as each other and affecting their ability to work safely. This is unlikely, but co-ordinating the appointments together will help manage these small risks.

If you are not contacted to organise an appointment, please let your employer know so they can resolve this with the vaccinators quickly.



## Step 4:

### Turn up and get your free vaccination against COVID-19

Once your details have been confirmed and you have booked your appointment, all you need to do is turn up.

The health professionals who are providing the vaccines will talk you through the process and what to expect. After receiving the vaccine, you will need to remain behind for 30 minutes just as a precaution to confirm you do not have any immediate allergic or other adverse reactions to the vaccine.

# Returning to work and daily life

Once you have waited 30 minutes after your vaccination, check with your vaccinator for any further advice before you return to your day.

Like all medicines, the vaccines may cause side effects in some people. This is the body's normal response and shows the vaccine is evolving.

Side effects are usually mild, don't last long and won't stop you from having the second dose or going about your daily activities. Refer to the 'After your immunisation' factsheet for more information on side effects.

You will need two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, around 3 weeks apart. To ensure you have the best protection, make sure you get both doses of the vaccine.

You should receive an automated reminder of a follow-up appointment closer to that time.

We have also attached an additional handout, titled 'Getting your COVID-19 vaccine: what to expect'. This provides more information about the safety of the vaccine, how it protects you, and an overview of any potential side-effects you need to be aware of.

**Thank you once again for all you do.**

New Zealand's border and MIQ workers play a crucial role in keeping New Zealand people and communities safe.

The vaccine is the next critical tool in our strategy against COVID-19 and it's something that is being made available to you and those you live with as a priority to protect you in the role you play in keeping New Zealand safe from COVID-19.

You can also find further information regarding New Zealand's COVID-19 vaccine strategy at:

**Ministry of Health – COVID-19 Website**

[www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines)

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[covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccines](http://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccines)

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