



## EVENT BRIEFING

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Action sought		
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Hon Chris Hipkins <b>Minister for COVID-19 Response</b>	Meet with union leaders via Zoom	24 March 2021
Hon Andrew Little <b>Minister of Health</b>	Meet with union leaders via Zoom	24 March 2021

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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Ministry of Health has provided information to inform this briefing

**Minister's office to complete:**

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### Purpose

You have agreed to meet with union leaders to discuss the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine to Tier 1A workers. The meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday 24 March 2021, from 4.15 to 4.45.

This briefing provides material to support that engagement, including:

- a) an overview of union engagement since the last meeting
- b) an update on the vaccine rollout
- c) next steps with regard to those who remain unvaccinated
- d) an update on progress on employment levers
- e) copies of recent documents provided to MIQ and border workers and their families with information on the vaccine and the vaccination process

Talking points are provided at **Annex One**. **Annex Two** provides the documents mentioned in e).

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

- a **Meet** with union leaders on 24 March 2021

*Noted*

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## Background

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1. You previously met with union leaders to discuss the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday 11 February 2021, alongside the Minister for Workplace Relations. Discussion included the approach taken to develop the then-recently announced sequencing framework, and how to support vaccination by reducing barriers, rather than taking a punitive approach.

## Update on union engagement

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2. MBIE regularly chairs a weekly meeting with unions about worker participation and health and safety, although recent discussion has included the vaccine rollout. In recent weeks, this has included border agencies (Customs Service New Zealand, New Zealand Defence Force, Ministry for Primary Industries, Ministry of New Zealand, New Zealand Police and MBIE). This group finalised two products on Friday 19 March, both of which are now awaiting Cabinet decisions:
  - a. a risk assessment framework to assist employers of workers in determining if work undertaken is high risk or not
  - b. an employee engagement model for vaccination.

## Update on the vaccine rollout

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3. Vaccination of MIQ and border workers began on Saturday 20 February 2021. As of 11.59pm on Sunday 21 March, 14,933 border and MIQ people have received their first dose of the vaccine. This is an estimated 98 per cent of the MIQ and border workforce, based on an estimate of 15,200 workers.
4. Vaccinators began administering second doses of the vaccine on 12 March. As of 11.59pm on Sunday 21 March, they had vaccinated 2,410 people, or 16 per cent of the estimated MIQ and border workforce.
5. Vaccination is also underway for the estimated 40,000 families and household contacts of the border and MIQ in our main centres. As of Wednesday 16 March, 2,562 individual household contacts had received their first vaccinations.
6. Further information on this is included in the talking points at **Annex One**.

## Next steps regarding unvaccinated MIQ workers

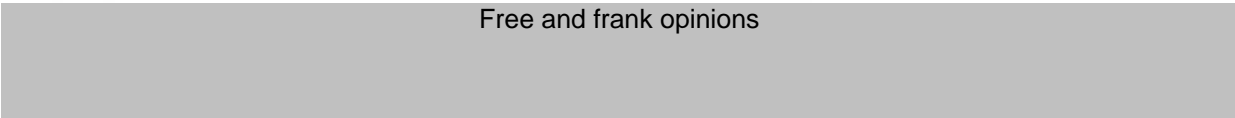
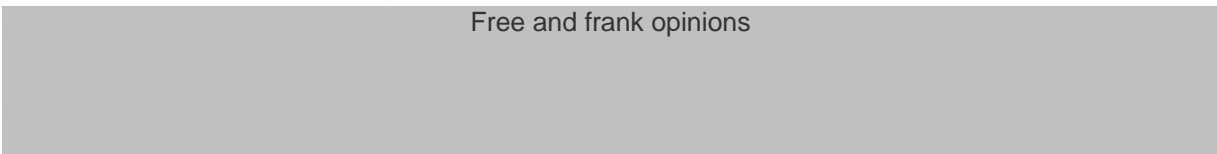
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7. Employers will need to use the Risk Assessment Framework to determine which roles are high risk. Once this is complete, they will need to consider relevant factors such as the employee's contract and New Zealand law. Then they will need to decide what the appropriate next step is, which will vary depending on the role, the employer's business and the employee's contract.
8. The engagement guidance will also help to guide discussions between employers and workers.

## Further employment levers

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9. You (Minister Hipkins) have been briefed on progress with the use of existing employment levers and options for strengthening those levers (*Further advice on stronger regulatory levers to support the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to border workers*, BRI 2021-2776 refers).

10. You (Minister Hipkins) have requested that a Cabinet paper be prepared seeking approval to amend the *COVID-19 Public Health Response 2020* (the Act) so that it explicitly allows an Order to be made requiring specified high risk roles at the border only be carried out by vaccinated workers. You have also agreed to include in legislation a requirement that minimum statutory “redundancy” compensation entitlements be provided to any unvaccinated worker in a high risk role at the border, whose employment is terminated.
11. Following the passage of this legislation an Order would need to be issued under the Act to bring the requirements into force.
12. You (Minister Hipkins) are due to discuss this with Hon Wood, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, on Wednesday prior to the meeting with unions.
13. The indicative timetable recommended by officials would have Cabinet policy approvals sought in the week after Easter (ideally directly to Cabinet on Tuesday 6 April) and approval to introduce legislation in the first week of May (ideally directly to Cabinet on Monday 3 May).
14. You may wish to signal to unions that legislation is being considered in this area in order to provide sufficient certainty that the public health and general policy objective of ensuring that specified high-risk roles at the border are only carried out by vaccinated workers will be achieved.
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17. You may also wish to test whether the proposal for “redundancy” compensation would be sufficient to mitigate those impacts, and whether there are other policy design or implementation choices that could mitigate any union concerns.
18. Officials have not signalled that these legislative options are under consideration, focussing on the “Educate, Expect, Support” approach in discussions with private sector employers at the Border, workers and unions.

### **Recent collateral provided to border workers and their families**

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19. Five documents have been provided recently to border workers and their families, and a sixth will have been provided by the time of your meeting:
  - a. two sets of vaccine FAQs about both vaccine and vaccination process
  - b. information for the people who live with border and MIQ staff
  - c. information about COVID-19 vaccinations for the people you live with
  - d. nominating the people you live with
  - e. a vaccine checklist for border and MIQ workers.
20. Copies of these documents have been provided as **Annex Two**.

## **About the audience**

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21. Your offices will provide you with further detail on the attendees of the meeting on the day.

## **Annexes**

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Annex One: Talking points

Annex Two: Recent collateral provided to border workers and their families

## **Annex One: Talking points**

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### **Update on vaccine rollout and uptake, including messaging to border workers families**

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# COVID-19 vaccine: FAQs

This advice about the vaccine is for all border and MIQ workers

## How important is it that I get the second shot three weeks later?

You need **two doses** of the Pfizer vaccine to give you the best protection against the virus.

The second dose is given at least 3 weeks after the first. It's very important you get your second dose.

## Why do I need to wait around for 20 minutes after I get the shot?

Serious allergic reactions do happen after vaccination but are extremely rare, and usually happen shortly after the vaccine. As a result, we ask you to wait around for at least 20 minutes so if you have a reaction when getting the vaccine, staff will be on hand and trained to treat these immediately.

If you've had a severe or immediate allergic reaction to any vaccine or injection in the past, discuss this with your vaccinator.

For more information, please refer to the ['After your immunisation'](#) factsheet.

## What if I develop side effects or have any concerns after the 20 minute observation period?

Like all medicines, the vaccine may cause side effects in some people. These are common, are usually mild, don't last long and won't stop you from having the second dose or going about your daily life.

Some side effects may temporarily affect your ability to drive or use machinery. Serious allergic reactions do occur but are extremely rare. Our vaccinators are trained to manage these.

Once you have returned to your daily routine, if you have any concerns about your health or if any symptoms get worse, call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**.

Side effects can be reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM). Call (03) 479 7247 to speak to a Medical Advisor at CARM.

## After the vaccination do I need to self-isolate for any time?

There is no need for self-isolation following your vaccination.

### **Why is the vaccine not being made available to those under the age of 16 years?**

There's limited data available for this age group at present as they weren't part of the clinical trials, so the vaccine is not available for people under the age of 16 for now. We expect to have more information about the use of the vaccine in those under 16 years later this year.

### **Will it hurt?**

The most common reported reactions are pain at the injection site, a headache and feeling tired or fatigued. Muscle aches, feeling generally unwell, chills, fever, joint pain and nausea may also occur.

### **What if I can't get the second dose on time or I forget to go or can't for some reason?**

A second dose is important to get maximum protection. When your appointment is confirmed, you will also receive instructions on what to do if you need to reschedule your appointment for any reason.

### **What happens if I contract the virus between the first and second dose?**

If you experience cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms at any time, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested.

### **Is there a risk of developing COVID-19 from the Pfizer vaccine?**

No. This vaccine will not give you COVID-19. It does not contain any live virus, or dead or deactivated virus.

### **Will being vaccinated cause me to test positive for COVID-19?**

No. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine and it will not cause you to test positive on your usual COVID-19 testing.

### **If I've been vaccinated, do I still need to wear PPE at work?**

Yes. It's not yet clear whether a vaccinated person can still transmit the virus to someone else.

So until this is understood, workers will need to maintain their high standards around PPE. It is also important to maintain the other public health measures such as regular hand hygiene, sneeze and cough etiquette, and staying at home if unwell.

### **Are there any people who should not receive the vaccine for medical reasons?**

If you have had a severe or immediate allergic reaction to any vaccine or injection in the past, please discuss this with your vaccinator.

If you are on blood-thinning medications or have a bleeding disorder, please let your vaccinator know.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, please talk to your vaccinator, GP or midwife.

If you are receiving the cancer drugs Keytruda, Opdivo, Yervoy, or Tecentriq, talk with your specialist about whether you should receive the vaccine.

We are not currently offering the Pfizer vaccine to those under 16 years of age until further data is available.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get a test and stay at home until you get your results. You can be vaccinated once you have a negative test.

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### **Is there any risk that taking pain relief after getting the vaccine could reduce its effectiveness?**

No. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can be taken. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Seek advice from your health professional if your symptoms worsen.

### **I haven't had any side effects after the vaccine. Does that mean it's not working?**

Not everyone will experience side effects. Those that do are most likely to notice a painful arm or other minor symptoms, perhaps lasting for a day or so.

If symptoms persist people should talk to their doctor.

### **If I have been allergic to other vaccines, can I safely have the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine?**

If you have had a severe or immediate allergic reaction to any vaccine or injection in the past, please discuss this with your vaccinator.

### **What will happen if serious side effects are found after the vaccine is rolled out?**

New Zealand's own medicines regulator Medsafe has followed a robust assessment process to ensure this vaccine is safe and effective for use in New Zealand. There will continue to be monitoring of side effects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss this with your vaccinator or contact your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453**.

Side effects can be reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM).

Call (03) 479 7247 to speak to a Medical Advisor at CARM.

### **Will the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine alter my genes?**

No. There is no possibility that the vaccine can affect your DNA/genes.

### **Will the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine work against the new variants that have emerged around the world?**

Clinical trial data from Pfizer indicates the COVID-19 vaccine has been 95 percent effective when administered to trial participants. The company reports efficacy across age, gender, race and ethnicity demographics.

The Ministry of Health is currently evaluating data from other countries about the impacts of new strains on vaccine effectiveness.

### **If the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine needs to stay frozen, how is it transported and delivered?**

The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine requires two doses and must be stored at -70 degrees Celsius.

The Ministry of Health has purchased nine large -80°C freezers that can store more than 1.5 million doses of vaccine. These will serve as our central storage facility for vaccine that requires ultra-low temperatures. Prior to being used the vaccine will be defrosted and can be kept refrigerated at a temperature of 2-8 degrees for up to 5 days.

### **Will the vaccine work on older adults 65+?**

Yes, the Pfizer vaccine has been shown to be highly effective in older adults aged over 65.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss this with your vaccinator or contact your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453**.

### **What's the relationship between other vaccines (for example, flu or measles) and COVID-19 vaccine – can people get them at the same time? Should one be prioritized over the other?**

We are actively considering advice around the timing of COVID-19 vaccines with respect to other vaccines, but can confirm that COVID-19 vaccines cannot be administered within:

- two weeks of an influenza vaccine, or
- four weeks of any other vaccine, for example, the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination.

Having a gap between two different vaccinations also makes it easier to judge which vaccine may be responsible for any adverse events. This approach is important in the current context

because COVID-19 vaccines are new.

The Ministry of Health is developing vaccination plans with providers that take into account the current recommended spacing of at least two weeks between receiving COVID-19 and influenza vaccines.

The Ministry of Health's advice on administering MMR and the COVID-19 vaccine to Tier 1 workers and their household contacts is that if someone is within four weeks of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, priority should be given to the COVID-19 vaccine over MMR.

Their MMR vaccine should be re-booked on completion of their two COVID-19 vaccine doses, so that the opportunity to protect against measles is not lost.

# COVID-19 vaccine: FAQs

This advice about the vaccination process is for all border and MIQ workers

## How will the initial round of vaccinations for border and MIQ workers happen?

You will see DHBs setting up vaccination sites at or near managed isolation facilities. DHBs will work with your employer to ensure that a time is available for you to be vaccinated. All managed isolation facilities will be brought into the vaccination programme over time beginning with the Auckland region.

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

Once your appointment has been scheduled, all you need to do is turn up.

At each location, the space will be carefully considered and chosen for its suitability.

Appointments will be arranged for all staff at a facility during a set time period (for example, a given day or over a number of days). Appointments will be staggered, simply to help manage in the event that any worker experiences any side effects that impacts their ability to immediately return to work.

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

## Will managed isolation facilities have a separate space for vaccinations?

Vaccination sites may not be at the managed isolation facility. Where they are on site, DHBs are working with site managers to ensure access. You may see tents or rooms being set up for this purpose.

## Will it happen in work time or will we need to come in out-of-work time? If the second, will we be paid for coming in especially for the vaccination?

We encourage you to talk with your employer so you can plan your appointment schedule together, with the aim that your appointment can be accommodated at a time in your normal/ planned working day.

### **Will employers be told when staff are immunised?**

Your privacy and consent are extremely important throughout this process. Your vaccination can only go ahead with your consent. No information can be shared without your permission.

All workers will be asked for their permission to let their employer know they have been vaccinated.

This can only happen with your permission and is only for the purpose of helping employers and PCBUs meet the health and safety needs of their staff and their workplace.

### **Are our regular service contractors and suppliers eligible for the vaccination as well as “workers” given they are required to do the same health check and weekly swab as hotel staff?**

All workers covered by the Required Testing Order (2020) are eligible to receive the vaccine in first phase of the roll-out, along with the people they live with. Those who are not currently covered by the Order will be in a later phase.

### **Will the people we live with be vaccinated in the managed isolation facility or somewhere else?**

The personal contacts you nominate will be vaccinated at a dedicated vaccination centre, or pop-up location, near where they live in the community. The specific details of this will be shared with them after their contact details are provided by you.

### **Do personal contacts of border workers who receive the vaccine need to declare to their employers that they have received a vaccination?**

No.

### **What about flatmates, shared custody situations and other live-in help situations - are they eligible?**

All workers covered by the Required Testing Order (2020) are eligible to receive the vaccine in the first phase of the roll-out, along with the people they live with.

All workers who are eligible for the initial vaccinations will be asked to identify those people they live with who should be offered the vaccine.

These are the people that our border and MIQ workers most closely share their lives with, and who are exposed to a higher risk level of COVID-19 as a result.

This includes any person who usually lives in a household or similar setting with a border/MIQ worker – whether they are related to that person or not.

It also covers people who may live part-time in the household, and partners not permanently resident in the household. It can also include papakāinga settings where relevant.

### **What if I need to take time off for myself or family members due to sickness after being vaccinated?**

For more information regarding potential side effects, please refer to the [‘After your immunisation’](#) factsheet.

If you find for some reason you do need to take leave for yourself or a family member, please discuss this with your employer.

### **Is the vaccination going to be mandatory for border or MIQ workers?**

If you work in a role subject to a Required Testing Order, you are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to help ensure the health and safety of your workmates and your household contacts, international travellers and our communities. However, vaccination will not be compulsory.

### **How can I confirm I have been vaccinated – and how will my medical records be updated?**

Work is well underway to develop a new Covid Immunisation Register (CIR). Once the CIR is fully implemented, any health worker will be able to record Covid vaccinations anywhere, any time. The CIR will be able to prove vaccination for COVID-19 and confirm vaccination history.

Over time, the goal is to enable members of the public to digitally access their own Covid vaccination records. In the meantime, people who are vaccinated will receive a hardcopy receipt as confirmation of their vaccination and their GP will be notified.

### **Is the vaccine free?**

Yes. The vaccine will be free for everyone.

## *An important message for border and MIQ workers subject to a mandatory testing order*

### **Information about COVID-19 vaccinations for the people you live with**

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is making good progress, and the majority of border and MIQ workers have had their first vaccination. The vaccination programme is rolling out to the people you live with. This includes anyone in your household or papakāinga whether you are related to them or not, or whether you live with them part time.

If you have registered the people you live with for a COVID-19 vaccination, they may have received or will soon receive an invitation to get their first dose.

Please:

- Tell the people you live with to expect an invitation for their free vaccination.
- Encourage them to respond to their invitation and schedule a vaccination.
- Share with them a copy of the factsheet "*Information for the people who live with border and MIQ staff*".

### **What if the people I live with are not yet registered?**

Your District Health Board (DHB) needs the contact details of the people you live with to invite them to get a vaccination.

There are four ways you can register the people you live with so they can get a free vaccination.

*Note: If you have already registered the contact details of the people you live with, you don't need to register them again.*

#### **Option 1: Online – if you have already registered yourself, but not your household contacts**

Click on the link in the email sent to you by your DHB, inviting you to register the contact details of the people you live with. Then complete their details.

#### **Option 2: Online - If you have NOT registered yourself or your household contacts**

Click on the link below and enter the verification code. Please do not share this URL and verification code with anyone – it is ONLY for border and MIQ workers who have not registered to get a vaccination.

<https://ncts.force.com/cir/s/group-member-registration?recordId=a2C4a0000005yvD>

Verification Code: 381503

#### **Option 3: QR code – Use the QR code displayed when you get your COVID-19 vaccination**

At the vaccination centre, scan the QR code that will let you register the people you live with. The code will take you to a web form where you can enter their details. Remember to download the QR scanner app if you use an Android phone.

#### **Option 4: Phone – Call Healthline on 0800 2VAX COVID (0800 282 926)**

Call this number and give them the contact details of the people you live with.



To make this easier, you can use the form "*Nominating the people you live with*". Please print the form, take it home, and gather all the details you need. Then call 0800 28 29 26 and you will be able to share the details with Healthline.

Thank you for your support.

# COVID-19 vaccine: Nominating the people you live with

For border and MIQ workers subject to a  
mandatory testing order

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step you can take to protect yourself from the effect of the virus. However, as we don't know if getting it will stop you from catching and passing on the virus, we are offering the vaccine to your household contacts.

This means anyone who usually lives with you, whether they're related to you or not. It also includes people who live with you part-time. This covers papakāinga as well.

Please print this form and take it home with you to gather the contact details of the people you live with. Once you have done this, call Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 (0800 2VAX COVID) and use this form to share your household contacts with them.

I understand that I am providing the below individuals' details to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of inviting them to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

I certify that I am authorised to share these individuals' details and that they are true and correct.

Name .....

Signature .....

Date ..... / ..... / .....

We need to know the following details for the people you live with.

1 First Name ..... Middle Name(s) .....  
Surname ..... Date of Birth ..... / ..... / .....  
Gender ..... Ethnicity ..... NHI Number\* (if known) .....  
City ..... Post code .....

*Please provide either a phone number or email address*

Phone ..... Email .....

OPTIONAL

House number ..... Street .....

Suburb .....

\*Your NHI number may be on a prescription or prescription receipt, prescription medicine label, hospital letter, an X-ray or test result, or your ManageMyHealth profile.

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# COVID-19 vaccine: Information for the people who live with border and MIQ staff

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to all frontline border and Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) workers that are currently undergoing regular COVID-19 testing as part of their job.

This is because they are the most exposed to COVID-19, due to the environment they work in.

If you live with someone who works at our border or in an MIQ facility, you will be given the opportunity to receive the vaccine for free. This includes anyone in your household or papakāinga whether you're related or not, or whether you live with them part time.

We encourage you to take up this opportunity.

Here is some information about what you can expect.

## Why should I be vaccinated?

To protect yourself from COVID-19 and help reduce the risk of passing it on to your family and community.

## Is the vaccine safe?

A vaccine is not used in New Zealand until it has been thoroughly checked and approved by Medsafe.

Medsafe have approved the vaccine as safe and effective for use in our community.

## How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine. It is free to everyone in New Zealand.

## Do I have to get vaccinated?

The vaccine is an added protection for you and your family against COVID-19 and we encourage you to get the vaccine when it is offered to you.

## Who else in my house/papakāinga needs to be vaccinated?

The vaccine is currently available to everyone that is living in your home or in your shared communal living arrangement who is 16 years and over.

If you or a family member often stays with another family, you should discuss vaccination options together. You can also contact Healthline on **0800 28 29 26** for advice about this.

## When will I be able to get vaccinated?

Our frontline border and MIQ workers will get the vaccination first. Then we will reach out to offer you the opportunity to also be vaccinated.

You should discuss your options with your household so that together you feel confident to make decisions that suit your needs.

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## How do I receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is given as an injection in your arm.

To receive the full vaccination and to make sure that it works effectively, you will need to receive two doses of the vaccine, three weeks apart.

You will be contacted by a health provider to confirm a time for your second dose.

It is important that you receive both doses of the vaccine to ensure you have the best protection.

## What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Some of the most common side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are:

- pain at the injection site
- headaches
- feeling a bit tired or fatigued.

These reactions are common, are usually mild, don't last long, won't stop you from having a second dose and are very unlikely to stop you going about your everyday life.

## How will I get my vaccination?

Border and MIQ workers will be invited to provide the contact details of the people they live with.

You don't need to do anything until your health provider has contacted you.

## What if I don't receive an appointment?

Once your contact details have been passed on, you should be contacted to confirm a vaccination appointment.

If this doesn't occur within 4 weeks, you can phone Healthline on **0800 28 29 26** to confirm your details are in the system.

It may be that the team are still working through the list and haven't got to you yet, but this will help confirm your details are in the system correctly.

## If I am not a New Zealand citizen, can I still get the free vaccination?

Everyone in New Zealand is eligible for free COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of your visa or citizenship status.

## Why do you need my contact details and what will you do with the information?

We need your contact details so that your District Health Board (DHB) can invite you to receive your first vaccination, ensure you are recalled for your second vaccination, and update your health records. No information will be shared with Immigration New Zealand, debt collection agencies, or Inland Revenue.

## Where can I get more information?

Getting the right information matters. Always go to trusted sources of information. Be aware of incorrect information on social media and other places.

You can get accurate and trusted information at: [covid19.govt.nz/vaccines](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/vaccines) and [health.govt.nz/covid-vaccine](https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-vaccine) or talk with your family doctor.

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# COVID-19: Help with the vaccination process

For border and MIQ workers subject to a mandatory testing order.

*If you've had your first dose, skip to the next page.*

## Your vaccination steps

Done



**If you haven't already been invited to schedule a vaccination, register with your DHB's scheduling system**

Call 0800 28 29 26 (7am – 7pm) and say you need to be added to the COVID-19 vaccine scheduling system.



**Schedule your first vaccination**

You'll get an invitation from your DHB with a link to schedule your vaccination.



**Get your first vaccination**

Follow the details to your vaccination appointment. Let your manager know you're getting vaccinated.

When you arrive you'll need to sign a consent form.

*You'll need to stay for a short period afterwards to check you're ok.*



### **Register the contact details of the people you live with**



Use the link sent to you by your DHB or employer, OR scan the QR code at the vaccine centre, OR call 0800 28 29 26 (7am–7pm) and say you need to register the people you live with.



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**What if I do not get vaccinated, or do not consent to share with my employer that I have been given the vaccine?**

Your employer will assume that you are not vaccinated. This may limit where and how you can work at the border or MIQ.