

Vaccine Sequencing

The Government's official announcement at 1pm this afternoon was preceded by a phone call to the NZACA from the Associate Minister of Health, Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, reconfirming that both ARC residents and staff are a high priority group for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

After border/MIQ workforces who are currently being vaccinated, their families and household contacts will follow, then it will be the turn of ARC staff and residents with implementation to begin from late March or early April. The Vaccine Sequencing Framework can be found on the following page.

On behalf of members, the NZACA is pleased with today's confirmation of the framework and will continue to work on a daily basis with Ministry of Health officials on implementation matters. In the next few days we will aim to provide further information on the logistics and timing of the roll-out to the sector, COVID-19 consent forms, countering vaccine hesitancy, the interface with the usual influenza vaccination and a variety of other matters relating to the roll-out. Our aim, with the expert help of the Nursing Leadership Group and others, is to provide you with the most accurate information as it comes to hand.

Pfizer vaccine

The Government announced on Monday that it had purchased enough Pfizer vaccines for the whole country, after securing 8.5 million doses on top of the 1.5 million doses already purchased. The Government stated that "the decision to make Pfizer New Zealand's primary vaccine provider was based on the fact the Pfizer vaccine has been shown to be about 95 percent effective at preventing symptomatic infection." View the full press release here.

This will mean that all ARC staff and residents will be able to get the Pfizer vaccine. Also, those vaccinators that have or are about to undergo the training will not need any further training for different vaccines as had been originally anticipated. questionnaire from your DHB asking for numbers of staff and residents (to ensure enough vaccines are available to each facility). While you will not be able to give the exact number, the NZACA advises that you focus on potential maximum numbers rather than minimal numbers – we want to ensure that residents and all staff are vaccinated. It is expected that roll-out will begin in mid-April.

Vaccine information from the Ministry of Health

Vaccine safety and approval

On this page:

- *Making sure the vaccines are safe*
- *Provisional approval of vaccines*
- *How the vaccines were created so fast*
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[<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-safety-and-approval>]

COVID-19: Vaccine resources

Visit this page to download useful resources and information sheets on COVID-19 vaccine and the roll-out programme. These are available in multiple languages.

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[<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources>]

Vaccines

An extensive list of vaccine resources.

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Any queries relating to the COVID-19 vaccine can be directed to

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Vaccine sequencing framework table:

Group	Definition
1	~ Population group figures are approximate, based on relevant DHB or census data for people over 16 years.
1.a	Border/MIQ workforce Approx. 15,000 border and MIQ workers
1.b	Families and household contacts Approx. 40,000 family members and household contacts of border and MIQ workers
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2.a	Frontline healthcare workers (non-border) who could be exposed to COVID-19 while providing care. Approx. 57,000 frontline (non-border) health workers who could potentially be exposed to COVID-19 while providing care.
2.b	Frontline healthcare workers who may expose vulnerable people to COVID-19 Approx. 183,000 frontline healthcare workers including emergency services and hospitals, long-term residential care, hospices, Oranga Tamariki and Youth Justice, Corrections, Defence, mental health and addiction services, transitional residences for the homeless, home support workers, community and NGO services, all community public health teams, diagnostics and COVID-19 management teams at DHBs.
	At-risk people living in settings with a high risk of transmission or exposure to COVID-19 Approx. 234,000 people living in settings or locations that are “high risk”, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - older people and people with relevant health conditions in the Counties Manukau District Health Board (DHB) district - people in long-term residential care where a high proportion of residents are at risk of severe health outcomes if they contract COVID-19 (such as aged residential care); and - older people living in a whānau environment and those they live with, as they face a similar risk to those in aged residential care. This group will be supported by Māori and Pacific providers, and an initial allocation of 40,000 courses will be provided to Māori and Pacific providers to distribute.
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3.a	People aged 70+ Approx. 317,000 people aged 75 years or older who are not included in Group 2.
3.b	People aged 65+ Approx. 432,000 people aged 65-74 years who are who are not included in Group 2.
3.c	People with underlying health conditions or disabilities Approx. 730,000 people with *relevant underlying health conditions and/or disabled people nationwide. *Relevant health conditions include coronary heart disease, hypertension, stroke, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/chronic respiratory conditions, kidney disease and cancer. This also includes people who are pregnant.
4	The remainder of the population, approx. 2 million people.