

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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ARC COVID-19 vaccine rollout

Thanks to everyone who was able to complete the survey to assist us with the planning of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. We have included that information in a paper to the Ministry of Health (MOH) detailing our members' requirements for the national rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine across the ARC sector.

Consent forms

We will be producing two consent forms for our members: one for residents and their EPOAs and a second one for staff. [Click here to download the consent form to be used for resident vaccinations](#). The form needs to be printed (2 pages double-sided, black and white is sufficient) for each resident. Members should begin the process now of gaining consent from residents with EPOAs. Residents able to consent for themselves can do so on the day of vaccination.

Residents and staff need to be provided with the following documents prior to vaccination:

- [Getting your COVID-19 vaccine: what to expect](#)
- [After your immunisation](#)
- [Privacy statement](#)

Translations of the above documents are available [here](#).

We are currently waiting for some information from the Ministry of Health before we can finalize the form for staff and hope to have that form to you next week.

Vaccine safety and hesitancy

Finding reliable vaccine information on social media can be challenging. The [Ministry of Health Youtube channel](#) has a number of videos from respected health professionals including one from [Dr Bloomfield](#) on the safety standards of the Pfizer vaccine and [Dr Rawiri McKree Jansen](#) who talks about where to find trusted information about the COVID-19 vaccines.

Workforce

Vaccinators: We are beginning to get a better picture of what the rollout of the vaccination may look like in different DHBs. Some are actively looking for more vaccinators and support staff while others may not need many more.

However, at this stage, we are still asking for people to [register their interest](#) if they would like to be a vaccinator. Once you have registered, the DHB will get in touch if it has a need for you. If you have already registered but not yet heard from them, they may not be ready for, or need, you at this stage, but may get in contact in the near future.

COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) operators: At this time, CIR training is only available to those vaccinators and admin staff that have been nominated by the DHB to have access. Some DHBs are still seeking people to provide support for the vaccinations within the ARC sector. It may be that access to the CIR is widened for the ARC vaccine rollout. To be a CIR operator you need to have an individual work email address (not a practice-wide email address such as 'nurses@resthome.co.nz'). You will also need your own smart phone (iOS or Android) in order to access an app used to authenticate yourself as a CIR user.

Vaccine information from the Ministry of Health

COVID-19 vaccine updates for the health sector

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

Getting a vaccine

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Vaccine safety and approval

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COVID-19: Vaccine resources

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