

COVID-19 vaccine rollout dates by DHB

As communicated to the membership on Monday, the NZACA has received a list of planned vaccination rollout start dates by DHB from the office of Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, Associate Minister of Health.

Please refer to the below for the most up-to-date information from your DHB. If you have any queries or have not yet heard from your DHB with a planned start date, we encourage you to make contact with your HOP Manager.

DHB	ARC Staff start date	ARC Residents start date
Northland	6-Apr-21	9-Apr-21
Waitemata / Auckland / Counties Manukau	Invitations being sent from 12 April	Invitations being sent from 19 April
Waikato	Week of 19th April	Week of 19th April
Bay of Plenty	Week of 19th April	Week of 19th April
Tairāwhiti	9-May	9-May
Lakes	10-May	10-May
Taranaki	Has begun	Mid-may
Hawke's Bay	27-Apr	27-Apr
MidCentral	10-May	31-May
Whanganui	May-21	May-21
Capital and Coast	20-Apr	20-Apr
Hutt Valley	27-Apr	27-Apr
Wairarapa	20-Apr	20-Apr
Nelson Marlborough	31-Mar	31-Mar
West Coast	4-May-21	4-May-21
Canterbury	23-Apr	17-May
South Canterbury	13-Apr	13-Apr
Southern	Has begun	15-Apr

We have requested detail on the model of delivery being used by each DHB and will share this with the members as soon as we receive it.

Chief Executive Simon Wallace and Anna Blackwell (NZACA and NLG member) appeared on Newshub 6pm News on Monday, expressing concerns over the delays by some DHBs to vaccinate ARC residents and staff, particularly now the trans-Tasman bubble is operating.

19 April 2021 | [Newshub: Palmerston North rest home residents still six weeks from being vaccinated as trans-Tasman bubble opens](#)

Influenza vaccine

Ideally, there should be a gap of 2 weeks or more between the influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations. If the influenza vaccines is scheduled for your staff over the age of 65 but you have not yet heard from your DHB regarding COVID-19 vaccinations to staff, please contact your DHB HOP lead to check when your staff are scheduled for their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Adverse events

Medsafe has published its second summary of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) with COVID-19 vaccines - [Safety Report #3 - 20 March 2021](#) (published 21 April 2021). There were 83 new non-serious and four new serious cases reported since the last update. The four serious reports were allergic reactions and were managed appropriately.

Ministry of Health vaccine resources:

COVID-19 vaccine: your questions answered is a good resource from the Ministry of Health answering some of the questions we have been receiving queries about over recent weeks.

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[<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/covid-19-vaccine-your-questions-answered-13042021.pdf>]

Further information on the vaccine and its rollout can be found in the document COVID-19 vaccine: Protecting Aotearoa. This includes information on the safety of the vaccine.

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[<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/covid-19-protecting-aotearoa-23032021.pdf>]

COVID-19: Vaccine resources contains useful resources and information sheets on the COVID-19 vaccine and the rollout programme.

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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>]

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