

## COVID-19 vaccine rollout

The Ministry of Health is reporting that vaccinations are progressing well and the programme is tracking in line with expectations. More than 230,000 Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered - more than 60,000 people have received their second dose and are now fully vaccinated. Further data and statistics about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in New Zealand can be found [here](#).

## How is the vaccine rollout to ARC tracking across the country?

We know that vaccines are now being rolled out across many DHBs with vaccinations being given to both staff and residents in some places. We're keen to get a rough idea of the percentage of staff and residents that have received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. If you have this information and a minute or two to spare, please email Kathryn at [kathryn@nzaca.org.nz](mailto:kathryn@nzaca.org.nz) with these percentages.

## Media coverage on rollout

There has been a fair amount of media coverage on the vaccine rollout to ARC facilities. See below for articles:

Kapiti: Stuff, 22 April | [101-year-old among one of the first vaccinated in Kāpiti aged-care facility](#)

Papatoetoe: Stuff, 23 April | [First Auckland aged care residents get coronavirus vaccine](#)

Wānaka: Wānaka Sun, 22 April | [First Covid vaccines roll out in Wānaka](#)

NZACA's Chief Executive, Simon Wallace, spoke with ABC News Australia about New Zealand's vaccination plan: ABC News, 27 April | [New Zealand's vaccination program is built on Pfizer and a plan to take it slow](#)

## Influenza vaccination

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

Please note that this year there are different influenza vaccines for different age groups. The vaccine that is currently available (from 14 April) is for adults aged 65 and over only (Fluad Quad for over 65yrs). Your staff under the age of 65 must wait until 17 May for their vaccine, which is a different vaccine from the one administered to people aged over 65 (Afluria Quad for 5-64yrs). More information on the vaccines can be found at <https://www.influenza.org.nz/>

## Adverse events

Medsafe has published its weekly summary of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) with COVID-19 vaccines - [Safety Report #4 - 27 March 2021](#) (published 28 April 2021). An AEFI is an untoward medical event which follows immunisation and does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the administration of the vaccine. There were 151 new non-serious and four new serious cases reported since the last update.

## 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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