

Welcome, we will start the session shortly

- In the meantime, please note the following housekeeping points:
 - Your mics are automatically muted
 - This session is recorded
 - You are welcome to ask questions via the chat function. If we do not manage to answer any questions in the session, we will follow up with you afterwards
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Vaccinations Order Amendments

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Vaccinations Order

- The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 (the Order) came into force on 1 May 2021 and requires that specified work at the border only be performed by workers who have been vaccinated against COVID-19
- Link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-epidemic-notice-and-orders>
- Further amendments were made over 2021, for example to include further workforces
- On 23 January 2022, amendments have been made to mandate booster vaccinations for all workforces covered by the Vaccinations Order
- Link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-mandatory-vaccinations>

Changes to the Vaccinations Order

- The Vaccinations Order requiring eligible workers from key sectors to have a booster vaccination came into force at **11.59pm on Sunday 23 January 2022**.
- The changes include different mandated dates for when booster vaccinations are required for different workforces covered by the Vaccinations Order.
- Border (including MIQ), and Health and Disability will be first. If eligible for a booster, they are required to have this by **15 February 2022 (11.59pm, 14 Feb 2022)**
- Education, Corrections, Police, Defence, and Fire and Emergency workforces, if eligible for a booster, are required to have this by **1 March 2022 (11.59pm, 28 Feb 2022)**
- The Vaccinations Order mandates that a booster dose is required by six months (183 days) from the end of the primary vaccination course
- You must be 18 years or older to receive a booster dose. If you have people who work for you, who are under 18 years old and have had their primary vaccination course, they are able to continue to work.

Timeframes for mandated boosters

Sector	Date
Border and MIQ workers	<p><u>Public Sector Border Workers:</u> 1st dose 26 August 2021 2nd dose 30 September 2021 *Booster 15 February 2022 (11.59pm 14 February)</p> <p><u>Private Sector Border Workers:</u> 1st dose 30 September 2021 2nd dose 4 November 2021 *Booster 15 February 2022 (11.59pm 14 February)</p>
Health & disability workers	1 st dose 15 Nov 2021 2 nd dose 1 Jan 2022 *Booster 15 February 2022 (11.59pm 14 February)
Police	1 st dose 17 Jan 2022 2 nd dose 1 March 2022 *Booster 1 March 2022 (11.59pm 28 February)
Defence	1 st dose 17 Jan 2022 2 nd dose 1 March 2022 *Booster 1 March 2022 (11.59pm 28 February)
FENZ	1 st dose 29 Nov 21 2 nd dose 14 Jan 2022 *Booster 1 March 2022 (11.59pm 28 February)
Corrections	1 st dose 6 Nov 21 2 nd dose 8 Dec 21 *Booster 1 March 2022 (11.59pm 28 February)
Education	1 st dose 15 Nov 21 2 nd dose 1 Jan 2022 *Booster 1 March 2022 (11.59pm 28 February)

* if eligible, or six months from the date of completion of their primary vaccination course

NB: some workers will be covered by Health dates

Timeframe scenarios: Border and MIQ sectors

Example 1:

Jane is a security guard who works at one of the MIQ hotels. She had her first dose on 1 May 2021 and her second dose on 11 June 2021. Jane has not had her booster dose. Jane will be required to get her booster dose by 15 February 2022.

Example 2:

Tane works at Auckland International Airport at Immigration. Tane received his first vaccine on 1 September 2021 and his second dose on 12 October 2021. Even though the mandated date for boosters is 15 February 2022, Tane is not required to get his booster until the 13 of April 2022 (six months after his second dose). He can however book in to get a booster anytime from the 13 February 2022 (four months after his second dose) which we recommend that he does.

Timeframe scenarios: Health and Disability

Example 1:

Georgie is a Radiologist in a private practice provides both public and private services. She is covered by the Vaccinations Order. Georgie had her first does on the 10 of November 2021 and her second dose on the 14 of December. Even though the mandated date for boosters is 15 February 2022, Georgie is not required to get her booster, she must get it by the 15 June 2021 (six months after her second dose).

Example 2:

Meena is a paid caregiver for her Mother who has a brain injury. Meena had her first dose on the 15 May 2021 and her second dose on the 30 June. Meena will be required to get her booster by the 15 February 2022, mandated deadline.

Timeframe scenarios: Education, Corrections, Defence, Police, Fire and Emergency

Example 1:

Lola is a Police Officer in Wellington Central (covered by the Police timelines). She had her first dose on 13 January 2022 and is booked in for her second dose on 28 February 2022. Even though the mandated date for boosters is 1 March, Lola is not required to get her booster by that date. Lola needs to receive her booster shot by 30 August 2022 (six months after her second dose); she can however book in to get a booster anytime from the 30 June (four months after her second dose) which we recommend that she does.

Example 2:

Dante is an IT advisor at Corrections in Wellington. Dante received his first vaccine on 1 May 2021 and his second dose on 12 September 2021. Dante has not had his booster yet. Dante needs to receive his booster by 1 March 2022.

Example 3:

Rachel is a firefighter in Kaitaia. Although Rachel works for FENZ because of the work she undertakes, she is classed as a health worker and covered by the health timelines. This means that she is required to get her booster dose by the 15 February 2022 if she is eligible.

Under 18s

- A booster vaccination dose is available to anyone over 18 years old.
- If you have staff who work for you, who are under 18 years old and have had their primary vaccination course, they are able to continue to work.

PCBUs under the Vaccinations Order

Responsibilities of relevant PCBUs, must:

- not allow any person covered under the Vaccinations Order (other than an exempt person) to carry out certain work unless satisfied that the affected person is vaccinated and boosted.
- notify each person covered under the Vaccinations Order of their duty to be vaccinated and boosted; and
- not prevent the affected person from reporting for, and undergoing, vaccination during their working hours, if vaccinations are available during those hours.
- allow an affected person who provides a home-based education and care service to carry out certain work unless satisfied that every person:
 - at least 12 years of age but under 18 years of age in the home where the home-based education and care service is provided is vaccinated; and
 - 18 years of age or older in the home where the home-based education and care service is provided is vaccinated and has received a booster dose.

The Vaccinations Order puts requirements on PCBUs to keep records of vaccinations of their affected workers.

Common questions

Vaccination appointment availability

Currently there is significantly availability of booster appointments across Aotearoa New Zealand. If workers are unable to book an appointment in time via BookMyVaccine, they are advised to attend a walk-in clinic. Information on how to book a vaccine or the location of the walk-in clinics are available here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/get-your-covid-19-vaccination/#walk-in>

Can my employees who are under 18 and vaccinated but don't have their booster yet still work?

Yes, they can. Please note boosters can only be administered to people 18 years or older. For those under 18 years, they should not get their booster until they reach 18 years old.

How can people check when they can get their booster?

People can check when they are due for a booster by visiting mycovidrecord.nz or by referring to their purple COVID-19 Vaccine appointment card if they have one.

General Booster information

- International evidence shows that booster doses provide good protection against Omicron, and by achieving high levels of booster protection we will be able to reduce the spread and severity of Omicron when it arrives.
- Pregnant people aged 18 and older can receive the Pfizer booster vaccine at any stage of pregnancy, at least four months after the second dose, and are encouraged to discuss the timing of their booster with their midwife, obstetrician or general practitioner.
- People at high risk of severe disease or exposure to COVID-19 are particularly encouraged to get their booster dose as soon as possible. This includes border and health and disability workers, especially with the cases of Omicron that have been identified in MIQ, Māori and Pacific peoples, those aged 65 years and over, and those with pre-existing conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19.
- An AstraZeneca booster is also available at least four months after the second dose and requires a prescription. You can get a prescription at the vaccinating AstraZeneca clinic or prior to your appointment with your preferred GP. Visits to GPs for a prescription for an AstraZeneca booster are free.

Your questions

If you have any questions please email:
healthorders@health.govt.nz

Useful links for information

- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-mandatory-vaccinations>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-epidemic-notice-and-orders#phrv>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-mandatory-vaccinations/covid-19-exemptions-mandatory-vaccination>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-border-aviation-and-maritime-sector>
- [COVID-19: Border Workforce Testing Register resources | Ministry of Health NZ](#)
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-boosters>

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We acknowledge and appreciate your mahi.