

# Northland COVID-19 Immunisation Programme

The first phase of the Northland COVID-19 Vaccine Programme focuses on protecting our borders. The Northland Border worker and household contacts campaign started on 1 March.

There are 385 border workers on the Northland DHB maritime testing register + an estimated 900 household contacts.

We expect it will take 3-4 weeks to complete Phase 1.

**Phase 2a:** focuses on frontline healthcare workers who may come in contact with suspected COVID-19 cases where there is no ability to screen before the interaction (e.g. staff involved in vaccinating or testing for COVID-19 including primary care and iwi providers, emergency departments, ambulance services, and after-hours services, community midwives, Well Child/ Tamariki Ora etc.).

**Phase 2b:** Other frontline healthcare workers who are patient-facing (e.g. non-acute inpatient services, community mental health and addictions, homecare support, aged residential care, community diagnostics).

**Phase 3:** Healthcare workers who are not patient facing (e.g. management and administration, IT support, medical officers of health).

As we roll out the immunisation programme in Northland we are also focusing on strengthening the healthcare workforce that is authorised to vaccinate for COVID-19.

We estimate we have approximately 180 authorised vaccinators in Northland at this time and training is underway, delivered by IMAC, to increase the pool of COVID-19 vaccinators across the rohe - in the DHB, in primary care, Māori and iwi providers and pharmacies.

Distribution of vaccines from the Ministry of Health approved central storage facilities is managed in a very controlled way through the cold chain network nationwide.

Northland DHB is working closely with primary care and Māori Health Providers to understand the complexity of delivering a rural vaccination programme such as this to develop a robust strategy for when the time comes to offer the vaccine to our greater population.

## Got a question about the COVID-19 Immunisation Programme or Vaccine?

Go to our website and  
submit a question.

[www.northlanddhb.org.nz](http://www.northlanddhb.org.nz)

*I encourage all Northlanders to consider being vaccinated against COVID-19 when you are offered the immunisation.*

*Be a Kaitiaki for your whānau and whakapapa  
- help protect Northland against COVID-19*

*Talk with your GP or Māori Health Provider  
if you need more information or call the  
Immunisation Advisory Centre on 0800 Immune  
0800 466 863*

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That the generations yet to come  
will grow and flourish*

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