

COVID-19 Vaccine Immunisation Programme



Contingency Planning

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Scenario Information			
Name:	Community Outbreak of COVID-19	Risk Level (0-10)	
Description:	This may have an impact on consumers ability to attend vaccination bookings and require a redistribution of vaccination site staff and administrators to testing or tracing activities. Dependant on the location/s of the outbreak this scenario may impact at a national, regional or local level.		
Exemplar Events:	Level 3 Controls, Auckland Region, August 2020		
Activation Trigger:	This contingency plan can be activated anytime the government announces a move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 2, 3, or 4. This may be due, but not limited, to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited community transmission could be occurring (Level 2) Active cluster in more than one region (Level 2) Multiple active clusters in multiple regions (Level 3) Multiple cases of community transmission occurring (Level 3) Widespread outbreak (Level 4) Sustained and intensive community transmission is occurring (Level 4) 		
Impacts:	Potential Impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May require a review of all sites and site configurations by providers (e.g., DHBs) to adhere to social distancing rules and protocols specified by relevant alert level. Potential slowdown of service delivery for sites that can operate under relevant alert level protocols e.g., symptom screening. Potential shutdown of sites which cannot operate under relevant alert level protocols. Reduced patient flow due to inability to travel and lockdown requirements Redeployment of vaccinator staff to case investigation or contact tracing work. Impact on vaccination sites and staff and ensuring that the appropriate resources and service delivery quality is being followed e.g., vaccinator staff wearing PPE. Increased security and requirements for staff and patient screening before COVID-19 vaccination events. Increased cost of delivery of vaccinations (PPE, increased space etc). May require the review the event and impacts of current programme collateral (e.g. Playbooks). May require the review of Clinical Quality and Safety documentation and communications. Review the Operating Guidelines based on specified alert level. Potential workforce constraints due to inability to travel, household commitments, community transmission, personal health issues. Potential issues in distribution and logistics staff either nationally, regionally, or locally, to delivery vaccine and consumable stock to DHB Potential issues in delivery channels (flight, freight, train) due to regional, or national lockdowns. Ensure that Māori and Pacific vaccination sites and providers can continue to operate (or are prioritised) to ensure the programme remained focused on the equity of outcomes. 		
Recovery Time Objective:	Within one week of returning to Alert Level 1 Service delivery returned to National Production Plan levels	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	4 weeks based on exemplar event.
Function Owner (Business Group):	National Operations Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name:	Role/s:	Mobile
Lead	Astrid Koornneef	GM Operations	s 9(2)(a)
Alternate/s	Loren Shand	Production and Planning Manager	

Section 1: What do we need?

Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)			
	Type	< 1 day	< 1 week
Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key personnel detailed in contacts list need to be available. Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to provide support for DHBs Additional Communications Resources Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). Access to Ministers (E.g. Vaccine Ministers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 133 Molesworth Street Access to DHB facilities Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued ability for staff to work from home (WFH). Access to WFH guidance on set-up for new personnel.
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFH equipment (Monitors, desks etc)

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		Information Technology <i>Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams) • CIR access • COVID Tracking and Tracing • AEFI 	
Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)		People		
		Facilities / remote working		
		Equipment <i>Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)</i>		
		Information Technology <i>Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK</i>		
Other critical resources:				
	Type	Description (Group where appropriate, e.g. IT applications)	Timeline	Supporting information
	Facilities (e.g. Incident Management Team)	Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]
	Equipment (e.g. whiteboard)	IMT equipment, i.e. whiteboards monitors, desk phones, boardroom/planning spaces, etc	<4 hours	See IMT SOP for set-up requirements including requirements for set-up of alternate sites

Section 2: What do we do?

What are the specific notifications, assessments, responses and communications plans that we need to complete to ensure we get to the end trigger as efficiently as possible.

Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
Key activities/process required to ensure continuity of the function	Notification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Operations workgroup to inform Regional Account Managers (RAMs) and Regional Account Leads (RALs) of change in Alert levels. • Subsequent notification to providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health. Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAMs and RALs to support site assessments in affected areas to determine if site(s) can adhere to alert level protocols (e.g. social distancing). • Clinical Lead to work with Quality Manager to complete an impact assessment for the nature, extent and impact of the outbreak from a clinical quality and safety perspective • Logistics workgroup to conduct an assessment to understand the impact to distribution and logistics people, processes, and systems. • Post Event to conduct impact assessment regarding adequate medical assessment processes. For example, an outbreak in Dunedin could impact CARM operations which would disrupt all adverse event monitoring and reporting for the programme (as well as pharmacovigilance support arrangements for Pacific realm countries). • GM Clinical to communicate with and prioritise workstream requests. • GM Clinical to review and support vaccination site quality and safety plans and processes. 	Notification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Operations to stand up an Incident Management Team within the programme. • Notify NITC and Testing teams regarding outbreak and staff priorities. • Discussion with NITC and Testing Team about DHB staffing priorities. • Director to provide early advice to the Steering Group on impacts and options to maintain and/or re-establish national service delivery. Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce workgroup to conduct national impact assessment to identify if staff are required to be redeployed to other areas e.g., testing. • Workforce and Equity workgroups to conduct impact assessment to identify priority sites and vaccination volumes that need to be resourced. • GM Clinical and GM Post Event to support the stand up IMT to conduct a detailed review of the event and provide advice, including the potential role of vaccination in the affected area/s e.g., targeted vaccination approach. 	Notification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily online meetings to support key service delivery partners e.g., DHB SROs, PHOs and equity providers. Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the use of alternative single dose vaccines e.g., Jansen in an outbreak. Pending approval by Medsafe late June. • GM Clinical to lead assessments to identify if any DHBs are not able to provide vaccinations safely. • GM Operations to mobilise (if required) NZDF to support vaccinating non-NZDF staff in an outbreak scenario (<i>this plan requires finalisation with NZDF including agreed triggers and roles and responsibilities</i>). • GM Clinical to contribute to the wider response review and monitor the clinical risks of the community outbreak. Response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Operations to support providers to ensure correct protocols are in place for safe delivery of vaccinations.

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	<p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct DHBs to activate contingency plan across vaccination, testing, and contact tracing deconfliction of workforce Confirm affected sites specific COVID Tracer App QR Codes Clinical to contact sites regarding the importance of maintaining current processes and having safe clinical practice. Workforce workgroup to liaise with providers to understand resourcing constraints on any open sites. Equity workgroup to liaise with providers to understand resourcing constraints on any open sites. Where possible and safe negotiate exemptions for Māori and Pacific Health providers sites to remain open. Providers to implement contingency plans related to increase in alert level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Logistics to conduct detailed assessment to understand impacts on the demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plans. GM Logistics to conduct assessments of PPE and materials required for each provider. Review booking system management plan for affected areas. Review the site delivery and receipt process to ensure any changes to transportation are identified and communicated. Conduct analysis on the daily vaccination requirements (numbers of vaccinations) for each provider. <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to provide key messaging to providers (DHBs, Occ Health etc) on protocols for specified alert levels. GM Operations to support providers with recommended service delivery model settings for specified alert levels e.g., drive through model, mass vaccination event in level 2 as focus on getting large portions of the population vaccinated in short period of time. GM Post Event to provide clear messaging into the Communications team around the difference between COVID-19 symptoms and vaccine related adverse event symptoms. Release community media schedules and/or timeline for communications Engage with Iwi, Pasifika, and disability leaders to understand the impact on their communities to ensure COVID-19 vaccinations continue to reach the “at-risk” populations. Mitigate risk of transmission from local vaccination sites by following appropriate level procedure. GM Equity to ensure that populations receiving vaccination are equitable. GM Operations to assess impact on external call centres e.g., DHBs and Whakarongorau. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to physically support setup of safe vaccination sites in locations which cannot provide vaccinations safely based on alert level requirements. GM Logistics to enact the required changes to: Demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption & waste plan based on the impact assessment. GM Post Event to establish a mechanism to monitor symptoms of COVID-19 in vaccinated patients (real world effectiveness data). Establish and deploy contingency staff workforce to affected areas or locations e.g., occupational health staff, redeployed hospital staff, and/or relocated staff from other centres. Provide support to providers in the deployment of mobile vaccination centres for priority groups. Reprioritise vaccinations to “at-risk” and high need populations through bookings and distribution. GM Post Event to Establish a mechanism to monitor whether people getting sick have been vaccinated (real world effectiveness data) GM Clinical to support the monitoring of clinical risks and contribute to the review of the remedial action to manage the clinical risks.
Alternatives available			

Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
Audience	Cabinet Health and Vaccine Ministers DG Ministry of Health Steering Group CVIP Programme Leadership Group	Localised and targeted outbreak area communication e.g., schools, TV, ads, internet, mail. New Zealand Public Health Sector

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Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
	GM Communications COVID-19 Response Team Service Delivery Providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health, equity providers.	
Key Message	Our key priority in this situation is managing the outbreak to protect the health of all New Zealanders - unfortunately this means we may need to divert resource and postpone some vaccinations.	Our key priority in this situation is managing the outbreak to protect the health of all New Zealanders - unfortunately this means we may need to divert resource and postpone some vaccinations. There will be regular updates of the situation. If your booking has been affected, we will reschedule it.

Section 3 – Who's involved?

Inter-dependencies	
Who relies on us to continue this function?	Why do they rely on it?
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of planning support to match demand and supply, particularly in affected areas. Provision of support to ensure all vaccination sites can meet the requirements of the Alert Level changes. Provision of alternative Service Delivery Model Settings in an outbreak e.g. drive through vaccinations or mass vaccination events. Prioritisation and re-distribution of vaccines, PPE and consumables. Prioritisation and re-distribution of workforce. Provision of national communications messaging and support for local targeted communications.
3PL Partners s 9(2)(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require prioritised supply plan to enable distribution to right vaccination sites.
Ministry senior leaders and programme governance (including Steering Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require timely advice and options on how to maintain service delivery in the specific context of the outbreak.
Who do we rely on to continue this function?	Why do we rely on them?
Service Delivery Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the impacts and options at an individual site level and how service delivery can be maintained in the specific context of the community outbreak. Require forecast changes to capacity and demand at individual vaccination sites Require updated forecast consumption and waste plans at individual vaccination sites.
Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring (CARM).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice from CARM (via Medsafe) on medical assessment support requirements at national, regional and local levels.
ESR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the analysis of vaccine effectiveness in a community outbreak (real world effectiveness data).
3PL Partners s 9(2)(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of updated distribution and storage plan based on programme re-prioritisation of supply.

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Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	<p>The end trigger to this plan is when New Zealand reaches Alert level 1 meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is limited / no community transmission • There are no cross-regional clusters

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)			
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead Alternate/s (e.g. activity lead)	Jo Gibbs	CVIP Programme Director	s 9(2)(a)
	Astrid Koornneef	GM Operations	9(2)(a)
	DHB SRO		
	Ian Costello	GM Logistics	s 9(2)(a)
	Mike Stewart	Manager Logistics	
	External Logistics Contacts List	https://mohgovt.nz.sharepoint.com/:x/s/CovidLogisticsOperations-KPMG/EekJiDhPPaJHudWYLuwk6SUB-rIGp23o07NLA4vbNk97fw?e=zJJvqd	
	???	CARM Manager	
	Juliet Rumball-Smith	GM Clinical Quality & Safety	s 9(2)(a)
	???	Medsafe	
	???	ESR	
		CVIP RALs & RAMs	
		Maori Health Directorate	
		Pacific Health Team	
	Disability Directorate		

Section 6 – External Plans and/or Policy Settings?

External Documentation (What other resources are available to support)		
Document Name	Description	Location
"Update on using the COVID-19 Comirnaty (Pfizer/BioNTech) vaccine in an outbreak"	Paper providing advice to The CVIP Steering Group dated 15 June 2021.	

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Scenario Information			
Name:	Disruption to the supply of vaccines, PPE or consumables		Risk Level (0-10)
Description:	This may have an impact on the number of vaccinations that can occur to meet service delivery targets. This scenario may impact at a national level, e.g. no arrival in country of a vaccine shipment, or at a regional or local level e.g. loss of a distribution hub or a DHB pharmacy.		
Exemplar Events:			
Activation Trigger:	This contingency plan can be activated anytime the supply of vaccine, consumables of PPE is disrupted. This may be due, but not limited, to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply of vaccinations and/or consumables not reaching New Zealand due to constrained supply. Supply of vaccinations and/or consumables not reaching New Zealand due to supply chain delays. Unforeseen event "act of god" which means vaccines or consumables are not able to be used. Any vaccines, or consumables are deemed "unusable" e.g. needles on a large scale upon arrival in New Zealand. Any disruption to the internal distribution network e.g. loss of a national distribution hub and/or a local distribution node e.g. DHB pharmacy. 		
Impacts:	Potential Impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low or no supply of vaccines, consumables or PPE, causing reduced capacity to meet the national production plan. Reduced capacity to deliver vaccinations impacting on the public's trust and confidence in the programme. Vaccinator workforce using inappropriate equipment (e.g. needles) to administer vaccinations causing potential adverse reactions (e.g. hypersensitivity AEFI events) or decrease in supply (ability to draw up doses). Underutilised vaccinator workforce which could then be redeployed to other health sector priorities. Reduction in individual site operating hours and/or temporary closures. Risk to safe vaccination practices (including IPC) if PPE not used in a constrained supply situation. 		
Recovery Time Objective:	Within three days of returning to normal supply conditions. Service delivery returned to National Production plan levels.	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	Estimate will be based on stock inventory at time of disruption.
Function Owner (Business Group):	Logistics and Inventory Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name:	Role/s:	Mobile
Lead	Ian Costello	GM Logistics and Inventory	s 9(2)(a)
Alternate/s	Kobus Retief	Delivery Lead	

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Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)				
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Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key personnel detailed in contacts list need to be available including external logistics staff. Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to provide support for DHBs Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). Access to vaccine and Health Ministers 		
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 133 Molesworth Street Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued ability for staff to work from home (WFH). Access to WFH guidance on set-up for new personnel. 	
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFH equipment (Monitors, desks etc)
	Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams) Remote access to Logistics database and services 	
Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)	People			
	Facilities / remote working			

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Key activities/process required to ensure continuity of the function	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Logistics to communicate with key stakeholders e.g. s 9(2)(c) GM Clinical to communicate with vaccination sites regarding the importance of maintaining current best practice and clinical safety practices in a constrained supply environment. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake assessment of the use of other vaccines or consumables in the event of a constrained supply of the Pfizer vaccine. GM Logistics to commence an impact assessment to understand the implications of the supply disruption (current stocktake and future resupply). GM Post Event to undertake AEFI assessments to identify if clinical safety procedures continue to be followed in a constrained supply environment. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to commence the development of a short-term management plan to enable prioritised service delivery to continue. GM Operations to stand up an Incident Management Team 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director to notify key stakeholders of situation and early assessment of impacts. Programme (via RAMs/RALs) to inform DHBs and providers of possible delays to supply and therefore future bookings within the programme. GM Post Event to notify IMAC of AEFI assessment and impact (e.g. if adrenaline) GM Logistics to continue communication with 3PL to determine the extent of supply constraints. Director to provide early advice to the Steering Group on impacts and options to maintain and/or re-establish national service delivery. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Equity to provide advice on how service delivery to equity populations can be maintained in a constrained supply environment. GM Operations to conduct an assessment to review the event and provide advice. This should include the clinical implications of the event. GM Logistics to conduct detailed assessment to understand implications on demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption & waste plans. This should include expected daily volumes of consumers. GM Post Event to conduct an ongoing assessment of AEFI with IMAC <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to provide planning support to affected service providers. 	<p>Notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications to the general public and key stakeholders regarding the proposed delays. GM Post Event and GM Clinical to ensure that communications from IMAC re appropriate use of consumables to be disseminated to service providers. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical to support event review. Monitor any emerging clinical risks and develop any remedial actions including change to process or procedure. Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to monitor site safety feedback from DHBs. GM Operations to assess vaccination booking events and ensure supply meets prioritised demand. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Logistics provide amended demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plans. Communicate alternative consumables and/or vaccines to service providers. Complete plan for alternative vaccination delivery setting models (if appropriate). Redistribution of vaccines, consumable and PPE to at risk, equity or second dose populations.

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Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clinical advice regarding supply and alternatives to providers • GM Workforce to provide advice to service providers on implications for vaccination staff e.g., underutilised workforce. NOTE: responsibility for workforce rests with employer. • Prioritisation of supply to meet the sequencing framework e.g. equity providers. 	
Alternatives available			

Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
Audience	Cabinet Health and Vaccine Ministers DG Ministry of Health Steering Group CVIP Programme Leadership Group GM Communications COVID-19 Response Team Service Delivery Providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health, equity providers.	Localised and targeted outbreak area communication e.g., schools, TV, ads, internet mail New Zea and Public Health Sector
Key Message	<p>For PPE or consumables: We are working with [supplier] to look at ways we can source additional/different [PPE/consumable]. As soon as we have a better understanding of what is possible, we will let you know.</p> <p>For vaccines: Our key priority is ensuring we use our limited supply for the most at-risk people - unfortunately this means we may need to postpone some vaccinations until we receive additional supplies. There will be regular updates of the situation.</p> <p>Signal alternative vaccines usage??????</p>	<p>For PPE or consumables: We are working with [supplier] to look at ways we can source additional/different [PPE/consumable]. As soon as we have a better understanding of what is possible, we will let you know.</p> <p>For vaccines: Our key priority is ensuring we use our limited supply for the most at-risk people - unfortunately this means we may need to postpone some vaccinations until we receive additional supplies.</p> <p>There will be regular updates of the situation.</p> <p>If your booking has been affected, we will reschedule it.</p>

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Section 3 – Who's involved?

Inter-dependencies	
Who relies on us to continue this function?	Why do they rely on it?
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of planning support to rematch demand and supply, particularly in affected areas. Provision of alternative Service Delivery Model Settings (if applicable) e.g. drive through vaccinations or mass vaccination events. Prioritisation and re-distribution of vaccines, PPE and consumables. Advice and access to alternative supplies and/or suppliers e.g., Jansen vaccine. Advice on re-distribution of workforce. Provision of national communications messaging and support for local targeted communications.
3PL Partners (HCL, DHL and NZ Post Pace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require prioritised supply plan to enable distribution to right vaccination sites. Require notification of any approved alternative suppliers of vaccines, consumables and PPE.
Ministry senior leaders and programme governance (including Steering Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require timely advice and options on how to maintain service delivery in the specific context of the outbreak
Who do we rely on to continue this function?	Why do we rely on them?
Service Delivery Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the impacts and options at an individual site level and how service delivery can be maintained in the specific context of constrained supply. Require forecast changes to capacity and demand at individual vaccination sites Require updated forecast consumption and waste plans at individual vaccination sites.
3PL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver to the reprioritised supply and distribution plan.
CARM / MedSafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide ongoing support in the assessment of adverse event reporting.
Immunisation Advisory Committee (IMAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice on the appropriate use of consumables and PPE in a constrained supply environment. Advice and support on the use of alternative vaccines.

Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification by suppliers or third-party logistics (3PL) provider of the resumption of the initial contracted supply of vaccines, consumables, and PPE. Notification by providers that the distribution and/or storage issue has been resolved e.g. reestablishment of a national distribution hub. Enough alternative supplies e.g., Jansen vaccine have been distributed to meet the demand required to meet the national production plan.

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)				
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile	
Lead Alternate/s (e.g. activity lead)	Jo Gibbs	CVIP Programme Director		
	Ian Costello	GM Logistics	s 9(2)(a)	
	Mike Stewart	Manager Logistics	s 9(2)(a)	
	Key external contacts for consumables are listed here: https://mohgovtnz.sharepoint.com/:x/s/CovidLogisticsOperations-KPMG/EekJiDhPPaJHudWYLuwk6SUB-rlGp23o07NLA4vbNk97fw?e=zJJvqd			
	Juliet Rumball Smith.	GM, Clinical Quality & Safety		
		Director, IMAC		
	Rachel Haggerty	Chair DHB SRO		
	Fiona Michel	GM Workforce		
		RAMs & RALs		
	Astrid Koorneef	GM Operations	s 9(2)(a)	

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External Documentation <i>(What other resources are available to support)</i>		
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Scenario Information			
Name:	Disruption to the availability of vaccinator or administrator workforce	Risk Level (0-10)	5
Description:	This may have an impact on the number of vaccinations that can occur to meet service delivery targets. The scenario may impact at a national level, e.g. strike, or at a regional or local level, e.g. Civil Defence Emergency.		
Exemplar Events:	National Nurses Strike, Wednesday 9 th June 2021		
Activation Trigger:	This contingency plan can be activated anytime a disruption occurs to the vaccinator workforce. This may be due, but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reprioritisation of workforce to other national or local health priorities e.g., community outbreak (refer community outbreak contingency plan). Reduced availability of vaccinator workforce due to national employment relations dispute e.g., strike. Reduced availability of vaccinator workforce at a regional or local level, e.g. adverse weather events (Ashburton floods). Temporary closure of vaccination sites due to unavailability of key workforce personnel e.g., clinical leadership. Workforce forecasting indicates insufficient workforce to open planned vaccination sites safely in a specific geographical location required to meet the relevant DHB production plan. 		
Impacts:	<p>Potential Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer vaccinations administered by service providers. Increased waiting times and/or rescheduling of consumers vaccination events. Less vaccinators may lead to unsafe supervision ratios and missed steps around the vaccination process e.g., Infection Prevention Controls, post-observation or incomplete data entry. Reduced staff numbers could create an unsafe vaccination environment (e.g. risk to vaccinator or consumer safety). Potential increase in vaccinator fatigue if hours are increased to meet booking demand. Temporary or permanent vaccination site closures due to lack of staff. Increased ratio of inexperienced vaccinators at worksites if surge staff are required to address short term capacity gaps. This could lead to under or over (cautious approach) reporting of adverse events, or the need for inexperienced staff to undertake higher risk vaccinations. Potential risk to equitable outcome for New Zealanders if a reduced vaccinator workforce is unable to travel and meet the needs of the high-risk populations. 		
Recovery Time Objective:	Within one week. Service delivery returned to National Production Plan levels.	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	Estimate will be based on specific circumstances of the disruption.
Function Owner (Business Group):	Sector Engagement, Workforce and Welfare Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead	Fiona Michel	Director	s 9(2)(a)
Alternate/s	Sonia McFetridge	Delivery Lead	+64

Section 1: What do we need?

Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)			
	Type	< 1 day	< 1 week
Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key personnel detailed in contacts list need to be available. Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to provide support for DHBs Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). Access to Ministers (E.g. Vaccine Ministers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s 9(2)(c)
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 133 Molesworth Street Access to DHB facilities Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued ability for staff to work from home (WFH). Access to WFH guidance on set-up for new personnel.
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFH equipment (Monitors, desks etc)
	Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams). Hands-up (surge) database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	People		

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Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)		Facilities / remote working		
		Equipment <i>Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)</i>		
		Information Technology <i>Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK</i>		
Other critical resources:				
	Type	Description (Group where appropriate, e.g. IT applications)	Timeline	Supporting information
	Facilities (e.g. Incident Management Team)	Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]
	Equipment (e.g. whiteboard)	IMT equipment, i.e. whiteboards, monitors, desk phones, boardroom/planning spaces, etc	<4 hours	See IMT SOP for set-up requirements including requirements for set-up of alternate sites

Section 2: What do we do?

What are the specific notifications, assessments, responses and communications plans that we need to complete to ensure we get to the end trigger as efficiently as possible.

Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
Key activities/process required to ensure continuity of the function	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical to communicate with sites regarding the importance of maintaining current best practice and clinical safety practices. Director Workforce to communicate with service providers to understand the drivers and impact of reduced staff numbers. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Workforce to conduct an impact assessment of reduced staff numbers at a national and site-specific level. GM Workforce assess the SURGE workforce capacity in affected locations. GM Logistics to communicate with key (3PL) stakeholders and conduct an initial impact assessment on supply and demand of vaccines (if applicable) of reduced staff numbers. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and provide advice to DHBs in activating surge or contingency workforces. 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to stand up an Incident Management Team within the programme. Director to provide early advice to the Steering Group on impacts and options to maintain and/or re-establish national service delivery. GM Operations to develop with providers a management plan to minimise disruption to consumers, including the management of current bookings and taking on new bookings GM Equity to connect with Māori and Pacific Health providers and DHBs to access the Surge Database <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to conduct an initial event review, including clinical implications, and provide early advice to Director. GM Logistics to conduct detailed assessment to understand impacts on demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plans. GM Post Event to conduct an early and ongoing assessment of AEFI with IMAC for each affected vaccination site. Director Workforce to conduct an assessment to identify if vaccinator workforce can be relocated at affected sites Review of forecast of daily volumes of consumers at affected worksites. GM Equity to ensure all available workforce is active (e.g. IMAC, Hands up / SURGE) GM Equity to review the impact on Iwi and Pacifica providers. 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify IMAC of AEFI assessments at affected site level. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct review of the clinical quality and safety of proposed procedures Monitor clinical risks. GM Equity to assess impacts on equity populations of reduced service delivery capacity. Director Workforce to assess the feasibility of consolidating the workforce within the regions affected, or movement of resources between regions Director Workforce to assess the drivers for reduced workforce availability e.g., vaccinator incentives, working conditions etc. GM Operations to ensure that reduced vaccination booking events in affected sites aligns to supply to limit wastage. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Equity to ensure that the vaccinations are going to priority populations. GM Clinical to monitor compliance with quality and safety standards at affected worksites. Director Workforce to consider options for incentivising vaccinator participation at affected sites. GM Logistics to enact the required changes to demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plans.

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Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
		Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operationalise all available workforce in the region e.g. SURGE, Hand Up, and IMAC database. Director Workforce to quantify training capacity available to support the activation of identified yet untrained workforce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Post Event to fast-track medical assessments at affected sites to ensure these AEFI events are linked to workforce and not the vaccine batch/sub batch GM Post Event to monitor sites with reduced or surged workforce and the daily management and trends of adverse event reporting. GM Post Event to re-distribute IMAC practitioners to support vaccinators at affected sites where increased AEFI reporting events are seen. Director Workforce to support rapid onboarding of additional vaccinators (if necessary).
Alternatives available			

Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
Audience	Cabinet Health and Vaccine Ministers DG Ministry of Health Steering Group CVIP Programme Leadership Group GM Communications COVID-19 Response Team Service Delivery Providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health, equity providers	Localised and targeted outbreak area communication e.g., schools, TV, ads, internet, mail. New Zealand Public Health Sector
Key Message	The Ministry is aware that many COVID-19 vaccination centres around New Zealand will be temporarily closed today (9 June) because of the industrial action DHBs have been contacting affected people to rebook their vaccinations for another day If someone is booked to have their vaccination today and hasn't heard from their DHB to change their appointment time, they should attend their vaccination as planned We will still be ahead of plan by the end of this week, even with the industrial action taking place.	The Ministry is aware that many COVID-19 vaccination centres around New Zealand will be temporarily closed today (9 June) because of the industrial action DHBs have been contacting affected people to rebook their vaccinations for another day If someone is booked to have their vaccination today and hasn't heard from their DHB to change their appointment time, they should attend their vaccination as planned We will still be ahead of plan by the end of this week, even with the industrial action taking place.

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Section 3 – Who's involved?

Inter-dependencies	
Who relies on us to continue this function?	Why do they rely on it?
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of planning support to rematch demand and supply, particularly in affected areas. Provision of clinical advice and support to ensure safe vaccination at sites with a reduced workforce. Support to identify and operationalise all available workforce in the affected area e.g. SURGE, Hand Up, and IMAC database. Support to rapidly onboard new vaccinators (if necessary). Support to prioritisation and re-distribute the available workforce. Ensure availability of vaccinator training. Provision of national communications messaging and support for local targeted communications.
3PL Partners (HCL, DHL and NZ Post Pace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require amended distribution and storage plan to enable distribution as a result of reduced demand at affected sites.
IMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require forecasting of training needs to maintain national workforce capacity.
Ministry senior leaders and programme governance (including Steering Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require timely advice and options on how to maintain service delivery in the specific context of the outbreak.
Who do we rely on to continue this function?	Why do we rely on them?
IMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide enough national training to meet the requirements for vaccinator workforce.
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the impacts and options at an individual site level and how service delivery can be maintained in the specific context of the community outbreak. Require forecast changes to capacity and demand at individual vaccination sites. Require updated forecast consumption and waste plans at individual vaccination sites.
3PL Partners (HCL, DHL and NZ Post Pace)	Delivery of updated distribution and storage plan based on affected areas amended supply and demand plans.

Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	<p>The end trigger to this plan is when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are enough vaccinators to support the immediate safe delivery of vaccinations in line with all DHB Production Plans. There are enough vaccinators to meet short term (one month) forecasted national need. Vaccination service delivery returns to the levels detailed in the National Production Plan.

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)			
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead Alternate/s e.g. activity lead	Jo Gibbs	CVIP Programme Director	s 9(2)(a)
	Fiona Michel	GM Workforce	s 9(2)(a)
	Ian Costello	GM Logistics	s 9(2)(a)
		CARM	
		IMAC	
		DHB SROs	
		RALs & RAMs	
	Astrid Koornneef	GM Operations	s 9(2)(a)

Section 6 – External Plans and/or Policy Settings?

External Documentation (What other resources are available to support)		
Document Name	Description	Location
DHB Workforce Plans	Individual DHB Workforce Plans (specify optimum workforce numbers per site per vaccination numbers).	
DHB Production Plans	Individual DHB Production Plans	

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This summary sheet contains important information that will be used by the response team to prioritise resources and support you to maintain your function.

Scenario Information			
Name:	Unavailability of IT systems	Risk Level (0-10)	5
Description:	This may have an impact on the number of bookings, e.g. National Booking System, that can be made or data that can be recorded, e.g. CIR. This scenario is likely to impact at a national level.		
Exemplar Events:	Salesforce Outage (4 hours).		
Activation Trigger:	<p>This contingency plan can be activated anytime critical IT applications are unavailable for a sustained period (>1 day) due to outage. This may be due, but not limited, to the following:</p> <p>Technical Outages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISP (personal internet) failure. DHB Internet unavailable. Failed code release that impacts specific functions within applications. Platform monitoring services identify technical failures. Cloud service providers are down affecting the Salesforce platform e.g., CIR and National Booking System (unlikely to meet the >1-day threshold). <p>Criminal Actor (refer to contingency plan for significant privacy and security breach)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biz disruption – systems offline e.g., ransomware or Denial of Service (DOS) attack Unauthorised access to system or personal data. 		
Impacts:	<p>Potential Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of trust and confidence in the vaccination programme. Outages of online recording services (e.g. CIR), will require the manual collection of personal information, increasing the time of each vaccination event and reducing overall throughput. Outages of booking systems (e.g. NBS) will reduce the ability of consumers to book a vaccination appointment, reducing the throughput at vaccination sites. Manual reporting of adverse events has the potential to result in underreporting and delays in the analysis of this data. Potential to impact the provision of clinical advice on quality and safety processes. At affected vaccinations sites patient clinical information including flags on adverse events will not be available. Potential for delay in logistics information being received for supply and demand tracking, causing delays in distribution or oversupply leading to wastage. Potential to cause impact on the management of bookings including the reconciliation between invitations, bookings and identity of consumer (e.g. NIBS, CPIR, Match+ CIR). Potential to require an increase in administration staff and a reduction in vaccinator staff due to increase in manual inputs and time taken to conduct a vaccination event. Risks to storing personally identifiable information internally without the correct authorities and/or security (e.g. excel workbooks). Delay in receiving data from vaccination sites e.g., throughput, adverse event reporting etc. 		
Recovery Time Objective:	One day for technical outages	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	
Function Owner (Business Group):	Data and Digital Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead	Michael Dreyer	GM: Data and Digital	s 9(2)(a)
Alternate/s	Jeff Brandt	Technical Director	+64

Section 1: What do we need?

Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)			
	Type	< 1 day	< 1 week
Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key personnel detailed in contacts list need to be available. Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to provide support for DHBs. Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). Access to Ministers (E.g. Vaccine Ministers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 133 Molesworth Street Access to DHB facilities Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued ability for staff to work from home (WFH). Access to WFH guidance on set-up for new personnel.
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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		Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams) SOE for logistics in the event of CIR/NIBS outage 	
Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)		People		
		Facilities / remote working		
		Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)		
		Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK		
Other critical resources:				
	Type	Description (Group where appropriate, e.g. IT applications)	Timeline	Supporting information
	Facilities (e.g. Incident Management Team)	Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]
	Equipment (e.g. whiteboard)	IMT equipment, i.e. whiteboards, monitors, desk phones, boardroom/planning spaces, etc	<4 hours	See IMT SOP for set-up requirements including requirements for set-up of alternate sites
	Facilities (e.g. IT Major Incident Management Team)	IT Major Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	IT Major Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]

Section 2: What do we do?

What are the specific notifications, assessments, responses and communications plans that we need to complete to ensure we get to the end trigger as efficiently as possible.

Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
Key activities/process required to ensure continuity of the function	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify service delivery providers to move to paper-based reporting. Notify stakeholder communications detailing the impact to services and users. Notify DHBs to activate their BCP for IT outages. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct assessment to understand the extent of the system outage. Logistics to communicate with key (3PL) stakeholders and understand the impact of the event Capture "Support Service Desk" issue from 1st level support process Conduct a grey area diagnostic and raise the issue to level 2 (Ministry or external platform vendor) resolution if required. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front line services (level 1) attempt to fix the system outage issue GM Data and Digital to initiate the Ministry's Major Incident Management (MIM) Processes including the standing up of a Major Incident Management Team (if necessary) Director to ensure that the activities of the IT MIMT are coordinated and aligned to the operational responses to the service delivery impacts. 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to develop process to contact all consumers with an affected booking (if applicable). Communicate outage with public through communications <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to conduct an initial impact assessment of the service delivery implications of the incident. GM Logistics to conduct an initial assessment to understand the inventory and distribution implications. GM Clinical to review options for restoration of provider services for clinical and quality needs (if applicable). <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to stand up a programme Incident Management Team to manage the service delivery impacts of the issue. GM Operations to develop management plan in line with the operational, logistical and clinical assessments conducted. IT Major Incident Management process continues to drive resolution activities (and potentially escalate platform suppliers for assistance). 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status notifications to all affected participants of progress in resolving issue. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Data and Digital to conduct a major incident management report (once services restored). The primary outcome of the report is to identify and address the underlying root cause of the service failure. GM Operations to review the plans to enter manual information into CIR/databases once IT systems are back online. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT MIM process continues; once the process finds a fix the fix will be implemented, and all parties involved will be notified regarding the resolution. GM Clinical to provide clinical quality and safety advice and support to providers. GM Clinical to contribute to the development of communications messaging to the public and service delivery providers.

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Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Data and Digital to divert technology (knowledge) sources to support resolution to system outage GM Operations to support providers to transition to manual/hard-copy consumer information based on assessments and management plan. GM Operations to ensure the secure storage of personal information is considered in all service delivery providers management plans. Review of expected daily volumes of vaccine recipients GM Workforce to consider options (including training) to complete post outage data entry. GM Clinical to review any workaround options to restore provider service delivery. From a clinical and safety perspective. GM Post Event to liaise with Clinical Leads at vaccinator sites to uncover if there have been any serious AEFI events and fast fast-track sending/faxing/emailing of paper documents for medical assessment as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Logistics to enact the required changes indicated by the initial assessment to demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plan Post Event to work closely with Digital and Clinical to ensure all high-level AEFI events are being tracked manually and are provided to the appropriate sources in a timely fashion. GM Operation to support with ongoing management of manual bookings and recording of patient information. GM Operations to ensure sites can manage walk-ins in lieu of bookings (consider site access and traffic management) GM Operations to ensure the management of confidential information at vaccination sites is appropriate.
Alternatives available			

Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
Audience	Cabinet Health and Vaccine Ministers DG Ministry of Health Steering Group CVIP Programme Leadership Group GM Communications COVID-19 Response Team Service Delivery Providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health, equity providers.	Localised and targeted outbreak area communication e.g., schools, TV, ads, internet, mail. New Zealand Public Health Sector
Key Message	Key Message We are aware there is an issue with Book my Vaccine, and it is impacting on people's ability to make bookings. We are working with working our IT providers to get a better understanding of the situation and how long it will take to fix. The data in Book my Vaccine is safe and secure, and there have been no data breaches. Our key priority is getting this situation fixed to that people can continue to make vaccine appointments. There will be regular updates of the situation.	Key Message We are aware there is an issue with Book my Vaccine, and it is impacting on people's ability to make bookings. We are working with working our IT providers to get a better understanding of the situation and how long it will take to fix. The data in Book my Vaccine is safe and secure, and there have been no data breaches. Our key priority is getting this situation fixed to that people can continue to make vaccine appointments. There will be regular updates of the situation.

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Section 3 – Who's involved?

Inter-dependencies	
Who relies on us to continue this function?	Why do they rely on it?
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration of critical IT applications that support vaccinations at scale e.g. National Booking System. Support to clinical leads on how to maintain safe vaccination practices including adverse event reporting in the context of IT system outages. Provision of planning support to rematch demand and supply, if impacted by reduced throughput. Provision of support to ensure all vaccination sites can meet the additional administrative requirements of paper-based system. Amended distribution of vaccines, PPE and consumables where applicable). Provision of national communications messaging and support for local targeted communications.
3PL Partners s 9(2)(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require any amended supply plan to enable distribution of the right volumes to right vaccination sites.
Ministry senior leaders and programme governance (including Steering Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require timely advice and options on how to maintain service delivery in the specific context of the outbreak.
Who do we rely on to continue this function?	Why do we rely on them?
IT Vendors (e.g. Salesforce)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of an outage the supplier may be required to help support in getting the service back up and running. Appropriate level of vendor support contracts with hours of services aligned to the individual service components. Integration between service suppliers service desk systems with ability to receive event and manage event through to resolution.
IMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timely review of adverse events in a paper-based reporting system.
3PL Partners (HCL, DHL and NZ Post Pace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of updated distribution and storage plan based on amended demand plan.

Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete service restoration and post incident review completed, improvements recommended and actioned with the root cause addressed through implementation of the fix. Vaccination service delivery is back to the required levels within the National Production Plan.

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)			
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead Alternate/s (e.g. activity lead)	Jo Gibbs	CVIP Programme Director	s 9(2)(a)
	Astrid Koornneef	GM Operations	s 9(2)(a)
	Michael Dreyer	GM Data and Digital	s 9(2)(a)
		CARM	
	IT Vendor Support Services		
		DHB SROs	
		GM Workforce	
		RALs & RAMs	
		GM Operations	
	Shayne Hunter	DDG Data and Digital	
	Service Desk Leadership		
	Business Product Owners		
	IMAC		

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Section 6 – External Plans and/or Policy Settings?

External Documentation <i>(What other resources are available to support)</i>		
Document Name	Description	Location
Ministry IT Major Incident Management Processes		

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Scenario Information			
Name:	Clinical Safety Issue	Risk Level (0-10)	5
Description:	This may cause service delivery to be paused and a loss of trust and confidence in the immunisation programme, e.g. recalled vaccine batch, increasing number of adverse events, a serious clinical incident or an Independent Safety Monitoring Board stop.		
Exemplar Events:			
Activation Trigger:	This contingency plan can be activated anytime there is an increase in clinical safety and quality risk, or a vaccines approval is suspended. This may be due, but not limited, to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instance of serious clinical incident e.g. sudden death • Significant number of post event adverse reactions. This could be at a national, regional level or local level. • Significant clinical issues relating to the vaccine being observed overseas. • Safety or quality issues with the vaccine supply e.g., vaccine batch recall. • Independent Safety and Monitoring Board decision to pause or stop based on ongoing review of adverse events. 		
Impacts:	Potential Impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction or stoppage in the supply of vaccines to vaccination sites. • Clinical investigation and review of incident/s. • Review of the clinical safety protocols for vaccination service delivery. • Reluctance by consumers to be vaccinated with the specific vaccine under clinical review. • Temporary closure of vaccinations sites. • Temporary or permanent loss of vaccinator workforce through re-deployment to other health priorities. • Loss of confidence in vaccinator workforce in the safety and efficacy of the vaccine and their involvement in the programme. • Loss of confidence in the programme, and in the vaccination by the public including those consumers already vaccinated. 		
Recovery Time Objective:	Within one week of clinical investigation commencing.	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	
Function Owner (Business Group):	Clinical Safety and Quality Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead	Dr. Juliet Rumball Smith	GM Clinical Safety and Quality	
Alternate/s			

Section 1: What do we need?

Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)			
	Type	< 1 day	< 1 week
Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key personnel detailed in contacts list need to be available. • Regional Account Managers and Leads (RAM and RAL) to provide support for DHBs • Additional Communications Resources • Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). • Access to Ministers (E.g. Vaccine Ministers). 	•
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 133 Molesworth Street • Access to DHB facilities • Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued ability for staff to work from home (WFH). • Access to WFH guidance on set-up for new personnel.
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)	•	• WFH equipment (Monitors, desks etc)
	Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams) • CIR access • COVID Tracking and Tracing • AEFI 	•
Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)	People		
	Facilities / remote working		
	Equipment		

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		Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)		
		Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK		
Other critical resources:				
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Section 2: What do we do?

What are the specific notifications, assessments, responses and communications plans that we need to complete to ensure we get to the end trigger as efficiently as possible.

Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
Key activities/process required to ensure continuity of the function	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Post Event to notify GM Clinical Safety and Quality and Safety of issue. Post Event to notify key stakeholders e.g., National Director, Chair Independent Safety Monitoring Board and GM Medsafe. GM Clinical Safety and Quality to notify DHB Clinical Leads and the National Clinical Safety and Quality Forum (to be established) <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical to initiate Clinical Quality and Safety assessment of event(s) GM Logistics workgroup to conduct an assessment to understand the impact to distribution and logistics people, processes, and systems. GM Communications to develop communication plan for internal and external audiences. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical Quality and Safety to stand up an Incident Reference Group to establish the facts (who, what and how). GM Operations to establish an Incident Management Team to manage the service delivery impacts of the incident/s. 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Comms to release communications to internal and external stakeholders regarding status of event GM Equity and GM Communications to reach out to Māori, Pacific and Disability providers. GM Equity to notify Iwi and Pasifika leaders. Director to provide early advice to the Steering Group on impacts and options to maintain and/or re-establish national service delivery. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to conduct an initial impact assessment on service delivery. GM Logistics to conduct initial assessment to understand impacts on the demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plans. GM Clinical to investigate and review the background to the clinical safety issue. GM Post Event to obtain evidence surrounding any adverse event for assessment. GM Workforce to conduct assessment into additional training requirements GM Operations to support DHBs in the management of inventory and bookings. GM Equity to conduct assessment on impact to Iwi and Pasifika <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical to assign the issue to the subject matter expert in the Clinical Quality and Safety Team to investigate. GM Operations to resource staff to manage the increase in contacts from the public to internal functions e.g., COVID-19 Response. 	<p>Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Communications to release updated information / plan / next steps to all external and internal stakeholders. <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical Safety and Quality to review investigations and provide recommendations to resume service delivery (if required). Mitigations may include additional clinical controls or a pause pending further investigation. GM Post Event to source all information from specific adverse events (within 48 hours) to support assessments. Noting this may be delayed if the Coroner is involved. GM Workforce to review staff training materials and make updates (if required). GM Operations to review the medication, equipment, and space available to respond to medical emergencies. GM Operations to review and amend (if required) the operational guidelines and service standards relating to the incident. <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Clinical Safety and Quality to provide an initial action plan based on their assessment. GM Logistics to enact the required changes to demand, supply, storage, distribution, consumption and waste plan based on the impact assessment. GM Post Event to provide advice to providers regarding outcome of impact assessment. GM Operations to support DHBs in planning a restart of service delivery (if required).

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Timeline	What we need to do		
	< 1 hour	< 1 day	< 1 week
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Operations to assess impact on external call centres e.g., DHBs and Whakarongorau. 	
Alternatives available			

Communications	What we need to do	
	Internal Communications Plan	External Communications Plan
Audience	Cabinet Health and Vaccine Ministers DG Ministry of Health Steering Group CVIP Programme Leadership Group GM Communications COVID-19 Response Team Service Delivery Providers e.g., DHBs, Occupational Health, equity providers.	Localised and targeted outbreak area communication e.g., schools, TV, ads, internet, mail. New Zealand Public Health Sector
Key Message	We are aware that a report has been received by Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) of a suspected XXXX CARM [and XXX] are currently assessing the situation and with the information we have available right now, we are confident the vaccine roll-out can continue as the investigation takes place. We have no safety concerns with the Pfizer vaccine There will be regular updates of the situation.	We are aware that a report has been received by Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) of a suspected XXXX CARM [and XXX] are currently assessing the situation and with the information we have available right now, we are confident the vaccine roll-out can continue as the investigation takes place. We have no safety concerns with the Pfizer vaccine There will be regular updates of the situation.

Section 3 – Who's involved?

Inter-dependencies	
Who relies on us to continue this function?	Why do they rely on it?
Service Providers (e.g., DHBs, PHOs, GPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of planning support to rematch demand and supply, particularly in affected areas (if required). Provision of clinical advice and support. Provision of support to ensure all vaccination sites can meet the new requirements of clinical safety protocols and/or operating guidelines (if required). Provision of national communications messaging and support for local targeted communications.
3PL Partners (HCL, DHL and NZ Post Pace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require amended supply and storage plan for affected sites.
ACC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify ACC of events which may have occurred for their records and tracking of events.
MedSafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notifications of adverse clinical event(s)
Who do we rely on to continue this function?	Why do we rely on them?
Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring (CARM).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives and analysis all reported adverse events. Service provider for Medsafe.
Independent Safety Monitoring Board (ISMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expert advice on the safety and efficacy of vaccines. Assess adverse events of special interest. Monitor programme performance and post event data including decision to pause or stop.
Immunisation Implementation Advisory Group (IIAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice on how to plan and implement the programme. Positioning equity at the centre of the programme.
Medsafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer the Medicines Act 1980 and Regulations 1984. Ensure medicines meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. Oversight of manufacture, storage and distribution to ensure that products meet standards until delivered to the end user.
COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (CVTAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific and technical advice on when, how and for whom to use vaccines. Continued assessment of new and emerging evidence.
National Clinical Quality and Safety Forum (to be established).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice on emerging risks including patient safety risks.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and monitor clinical quality and safety performance of the programme.
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Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vaccine is approved for on-going usage by competent authority e.g. Medsafe, Independent Safety and Monitoring Board or COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group. Implementation of any clinical safety and quality recommendations made by clinical leadership and/or governance, e.g. changes to clinical practice and/or Operating Guidelines. Service delivery levels return to meet National Production Plan. Public sentiment surveys return to or above pre-incident levels.

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)			
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead	Jo Gibbs	CVIP Programme Director	
Alternate/s	Juliet Rumball-Smith	Group Manager Clinical Quality and Safety Team	
(e.g. activity lead)	DHB Clinical Leads	CVIP Quality and Safety Framework and Actions paper for Steering Group 25 May 2021 – Appendix 4	
		CARM	
		Medsafe	
		IMAC	
		Chief Executives/SROs	
		GM Post Event	
		GM Operations	
		RALs & RAMs	

Section 6 – External Plans and/or Policy Settings?

External Documentation (What other resources are available to support)		
Document Name	Description	Location
CVIP Quality and Safety Framework and Actions paper for Steering Group 25 May 2021	<p>This paper sets out the overarching CVIP Quality and Safety Framework (the Framework) and details the work that has been progressed to strengthen the specific <u>clinical</u> quality and safety quadrant of the Framework by establishing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an internal CVIP incident review group (IRG) the National Clinical Quality and Safety Forum (NCQSF) <p>In addition, the CVIP team set out the expectation of the Programme on clinical quality and safety to DHBs. DHBs have provided details of the appropriate people and processes that are in place to support clinical quality and safety and we have confidence that DHBs understand the expectations.</p>	

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Template Guidance Note:

A function summary sheet should be completed for each function with a goal recovery timeframe of one week or less.

This summary sheet contains important information that will be used by the response team to prioritise resources and support you to maintain your function.

Scenario Information			
Name:	Significant Privacy or Security Breach		Risk Level (0-10)
Description:	This may impact on vaccination service delivery by causing the outage of IT applications, e.g. ransomware, or reducing public trust and confidence in the programme, e.g. personal health consumer information being placed in the public domain.		
Exemplar Events:	Waikato Ransomware, June 2021 Canterbury DHB insecure public facing booking application, April 2021		
Activation Trigger:	This contingency plan can be activated anytime there is an identification of an IT security breach within a programme application or related third party system or a privacy breach has occurred. This may be due, but not limited, to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant Outage or loss of service e.g. DOS attack or ransomware • Unauthorised access to system or personal data. • Personal consumer information has been released into the public domain • Website defacing is an attack that often replaces the hosted website with one of the attackers. • Inadvertent or deliberate breach of security protocols or regulations. • Insider threat e.g., disgruntled employee releasing or accessing information. 		
Impacts:	<p>Potential Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of public trust and confidence in the vaccination programme. • Significant outage of IT applications. • Outages of online recording services (e.g. CIR), will require the manual collection of personal information, increasing the time of each vaccination event and reducing overall throughput. • Outages of booking systems (e.g. NBS) will reduce the ability of consumers to book a vaccination appointment, reducing the throughput at vaccination sites. • Manual reporting of adverse events has the potential to result in underreporting and delays in the analysis of this data. • Potential to impact the provision of clinical advice on quality and safety processes. • At affected vaccinations sites patient clinical information including flags on adverse events may not be available. • Potential for delay in logistics information being received for supply and demand tracking, causing delays in distribution or oversupply leading to wastage. • Potential to cause impact on the management of bookings including the reconciliation between invitations, bookings and identity of consumer (e.g. NIBS, CPIR, Match+ CIR). • Potential to require an increase in administration staff and a reduction in vaccinator staff due to increase in manual inputs and time taken to conduct a vaccination event. • Risks to storing personally identifiable information internally without the correct authorities and/or security (e.g. excel workbooks). • Delay in receiving data from vaccination sites e.g., throughput, adverse event reporting etc. • Potential personal data breaches can expose individuals to social engineering hack or a Phishing attack. • Serious harm to an individual or group of people e.g. identity theft. 		
Recovery Time Objective:		Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption (MTPD):	
Function Owner (Business Group):	National Operations Group	Directorate:	COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
Lead	Astrid Koornneef	GM: Operations	
Alternate/s			

Section 1: What do we need?

Critical Resources: (Without these resources the function cannot continue or be resumed within acceptable timeframes)			
	Type	< 1 day	< 1 week
Programme	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy Expert/Partner • Security Expert/Partner • Clinical Expertise (dependant on nature of system and its purpose). • Key personnel detailed in contacts list available. • RAM and RAL support for DHBs • Qualified personnel to form Incident Management Team (IMT). • Direct access to Ministers (E.g. Vaccine Minister) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee Assistance Programme for affected individuals/staff
	Facilities / remote working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 133 Molesworth Street • Access to DHB facilities • Remote working for non-critical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to WFH material
	Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5G Wifi pre-paid SIM cards. • Wifi Routers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFH equipment (Monitors, desks etc)
	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative tools (e.g. ZOOM, Microsoft Teams) 	

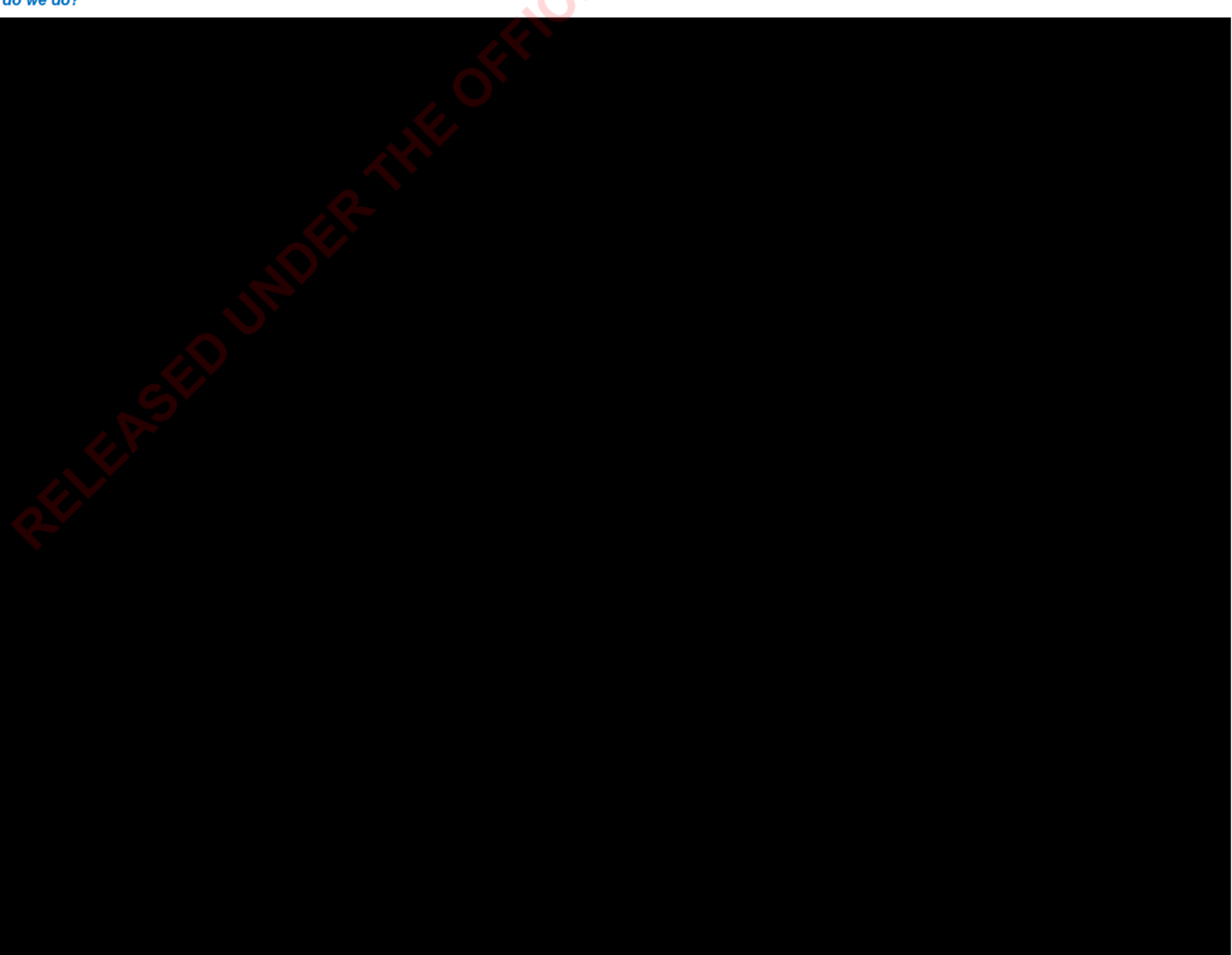
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		Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Salesforce database 	
Sector (DHB, Occ Health, HCL etc)		People		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Service Partners Help Desk staff
		Facilities / remote working		
		Equipment Standard = laptop, keyboard, mouse, power cable, workstation (desk, single monitor and chair)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Standard Equipment to replace equipment affected by ransomware
		Information Technology Standard operating environment (SOE) = Lotus Notes (email, calendar & filing), Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), remote access, printing, VOIP (telephony), MoH@WK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software licences to re-establish connectivity
Other critical resources:				
	Type	Description (Group where appropriate, e.g. IT applications)	Timeline	Supporting information
	Facilities (e.g. Incident Management Team)	Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]
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	Facilities (e.g. IT Major Incident Management Team)	IT Major Incident Management Team suitable alternate location in 133 Molesworth Street as base to coordinate Health response activities/functions.	<4 hours	IT Major Incident Management Team SOP for activation, set-up and functions are available [insert locations]

Section 2: What do we do?

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Section 4 – What are the key end triggers?

End trigger (What is going to trigger the end of the contingency plan?)	
What is the trigger to end the event?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete service restoration and post incident review completed, improvements recommended and actioned with the root cause addressed through implementation of the fix. Vaccination service delivery is back to the required levels within the National Production Plan.

Section 5 – Key contacts?

Function Overview (Who is the key internal or external person who has a key role in re-establishing this function?)			
Key Contacts:	Name	Role/s	Mobile
		D&D Security Team via MITC Service Desk	
		RALs & RAMs	
	Mark Sowden	Chief Government Data Steward	
		GM Operations	
		Office of the Privacy Commissioner	
		GCSB	
		CERT	
	Caitlin Hawkins	Manager Privacy	s 9(2)(a)
	Phil Knipe	Chief Privacy and Chief Legal Officer	s 9(2)(a)

Section 6 – External Plans and/or Policy Settings?

External Documentation (What other resources are available to support)		
Document Name	Description	Location
National Cyber Security Sector Responses Plan.		
Protective Security Requirements		PSR Website
NotifyUS	OPC Breach Reporting Tool	OPC Website

COVID-19 Immunisation Implementation Advisory Group Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

The Director-General of Health has established the COVID-19 Immunisation Implementation Advisory Group (IIAG, the Group) to provide independent, expert advice to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on designing, planning, preparing and implementing a COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme (the Programme) with a focus on achieving equity and meeting Crown obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The IIAG is the Ministry's primary advisory group for design thinking and strategy for the Programme.

2. Introduction

These Terms of Reference (ToR) set out for the IIAG:

- context
- the role of IIAG
- consideration of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- membership and expectations of members
- terms of appointment
- meeting protocol
- liability
- confidentiality
- process for managing conflicts of interest
- remuneration
- the process of review.

This document constitutes the second version of the Group's Terms of Reference. At the IIAG's inaugural meeting on 2 October 2020, it was agreed the Group's ToR would be a living document and may be reviewed and updated as necessary.

3. Context

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020. COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The pandemic has caused extensive global, social and economic disruption.

A safe, effective vaccine, available in sufficient quantities to achieve population immunity, appears the most likely route to fully re-opening international borders and achieving national and global recovery from COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has established a COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme (the Programme) to support the Government reach its objective of offering a COVID-19 vaccination to every eligible person in New Zealand by the end of 2021.

The IIAG's role is to ensure expert implementation advice informs this work, and assessments are made of whether Te Tiriti o Waitangi and equity responsibilities are being met.

Due to the inherent uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, all work related to the Programme, and the IIAG's role in this, will need to be regularly reviewed and change and evolve as required.

4. Role and responsibilities of the IIAG

The Group's role is to develop expert advice and make recommendations to the Ministry on how to design, plan, prepare for and implement a COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme including, but not limited to:

- ensuring the Programme is honouring the Crown's obligation under Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- positioning equity at the centre of the Programme;
- supporting and equipping whānau, hapū, iwi, Māori communities to deliver the Programme to their communities where possible;
- supporting and equipping Pacific communities to deliver the Programme to their communities where possible;
- identifying priority groups for the delivery of the vaccine(s);
- ensuring equitable access to the vaccine(s) for priority groups;
- managing vaccine demand and supply, including distribution;
- public and sector communications to support the immunisation programme rollout;
- workforce requirements, in particular the vaccinator workforce;
- logistics, including management and availability of equipment to support immunisation and cold chain requirements;
- behavioural psychology surrounding vaccines and receiving immunisations;
- data access, use and storage;
- monitoring and evaluation of the Programme.

The Group will consider for endorsement any proposals or plans provided by the Ministry or other advisory groups.

The Group will provide the Ministry with its best advice. This advice is not binding on the Ministry and the Ministry may take a different position.

4.1 Sub-groups and wider consultation

The Group will convene appropriate sub-groups to meet and provide specialist advice when required or requested by the Ministry. The Group will nominate a chair from the Group for each of these sub-groups.

The Group and sub-groups are required to have targeted consultation with Māori health experts. The Group and sub-groups may request expansion of consultation beyond the membership in order to develop robust advice that is fit for purpose. Stakeholder reference groups may be convened with the permission of the co-chairs and the Ministry to capture other wider interests (such as social sector, aged care, education, business) in the shaping of advice.

4.2 Consideration of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The IIAG will ensure their advice is provided within the context of honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as articulated by the Courts and the Waitangi Tribunal provide the framework for how the Ministry will meet its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The IIAG must apply and adhere to these principles when providing advice:

- **Tino rangatiratanga**

The guarantee of tino rangatiratanga, which provides for Māori self-determination and mana motuhake. This means ensuring Māori are part of decision-making process with regards to the design, delivery and monitoring of the immunisation programme.

- **Equity**

The principle of equity, which requires a commitment to achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. This means the IAG will actively ensure equitable access to the vaccine and equitable outcomes for Māori as part of the design and delivery of the immunisation programme.

- **Active protection**

The principle of active protection, which requires the fullest extent practicable is required to achieve equitable health outcomes for Māori. This means the IAG utilises data, evidence and resources to actively identify and address inequities with regards to immunisation and the protection of Māori health and wellbeing.

- **Options**

The principle of options requires there to be, and properly resourced, kaupapa Māori health and disability services. Furthermore, the Crown is obliged to ensure that all health and disability services, including immunisations, are provided in a culturally appropriate way that recognises and supports the expression of hauora Māori models of care.

- **Partnership**

This requires the Crown and Māori to work in partnership in the governance, design, delivery and monitoring of health and disability services. This means ensuring appropriate Māori representation on the IAG, as well as ensuring the IAG is partnering with Māori in the design, delivery and monitoring advice they provide for the immunisation programme.

5. Role and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health

The Ministry will provide secretariat and administrative support for Group and sub-group meetings. This will include inviting attendees, arranging conferencing facilities, and developing and circulating agendas, papers and minutes.

The Ministry will provide adequate and timely national and international information and data wherever possible to support the work of the Group.

5.1 Consideration of advice by the Ministry and Programme Steering Group

The IAG is established by the Director-General of Health to provide expert advice to the Ministry. The Ministry and Director-General of Health will give reasonable consideration to the advice and recommendations of the Group, however, recommendations from the IAG are not binding on the Ministry and the Ministry may take a different position.

Where the Ministry takes a substantively different position to that recommended by the IAG, this will be communicated to the IAG and explained.

The Ministry will provide the outcome of IIAG’s considerations to the Programme Steering Group, chaired by the Director-General of Health. This will be by way of the IIAG’s meeting minutes at a minimum and may also include any reports or memos the IIAG may produce. The IIAG co-chair representing DHBs will be invited to attend the weekly Steering Group meeting and both co-chairs will present to the Steering Group no less frequently than monthly.

IIAG advice and recommendations will be provided to Ministers at the discretion of the Director-General of Health, either specifically attributed to the IIAG or as part of general advice.

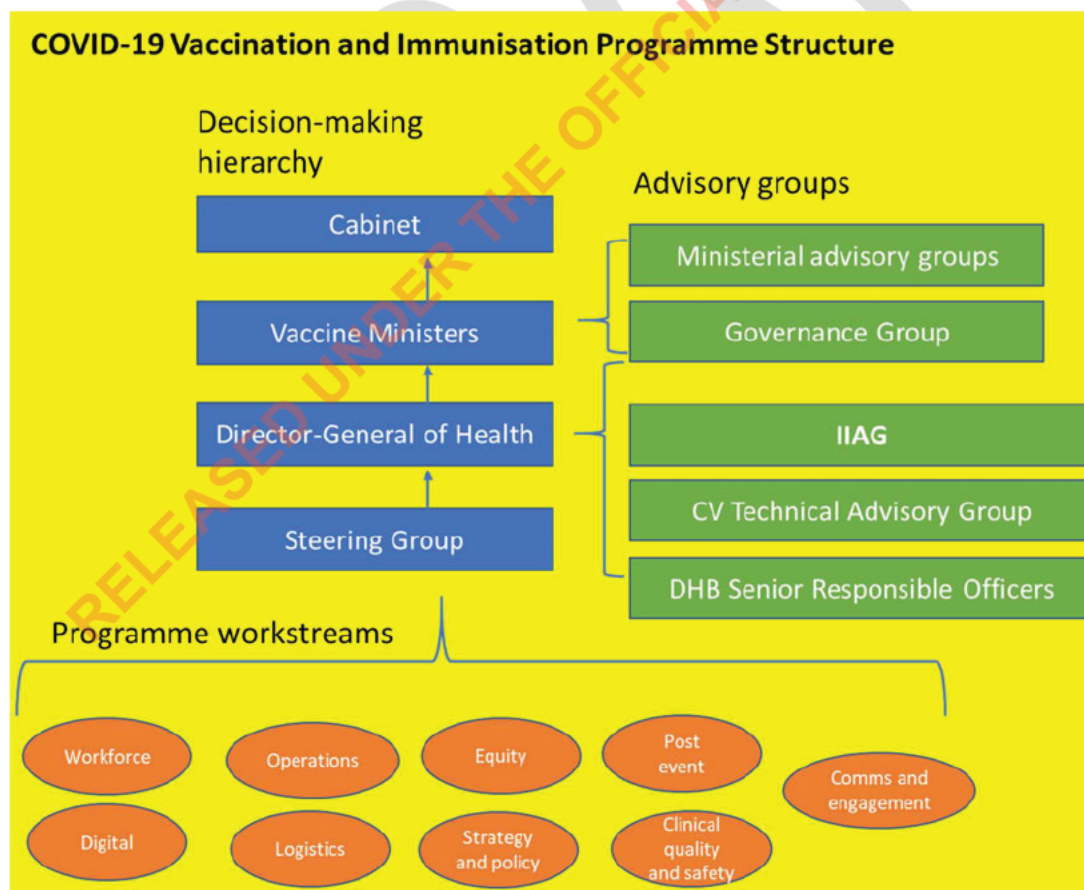
6. Scope of advice

IIAG provides the Ministry with advice on the Programme in the environment of other advisory groups. In particular:

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group** – provides science advice and decision to use advice on specific vaccines
- **The Programme Governance Group** – provides oversight and assurance of the Programme, reporting to Vaccine Ministers.
- **The DHB Senior Responsible Officer forum** – provides advice on commissioning of vaccination services.

The IIAG may canvas these areas in providing advice to the Ministry but does not hold specific responsibility for doing so.

An outline of the Programme’s decision-making and advisory group structure is provided below.



7. Membership

7.1 Appointment process

Membership of the Group, including the appointment to the role of co-chairperson is through a direct selection appointment process by the Director-General of Health.

Members will be appointed based on their individual skills, knowledge and expertise. In most cases members are not appointed as representatives of organisations and are expected to contribute their own views and perspectives on the practical implementation of the Programme, and together form a system view.

Consideration will be given to have Māori and Pacific representation and tino rangatiratanga (decision making) when appointing members.

The composition of the Group will be revised as the needs from the COVID 19 immunisation programme evolve.

7.2 Group composition

As at 1 August 2021, IIAG members are:

Member	Role/Representation
Keriana Brooking	Co-chair, DHB Chief Executive
Te Paea Winiata	Co-chair, Chief Executive, whānau-based healthcare
Dr Helen Petousis-Harris	Vaccine safety and effectiveness
Dr Angela Ballantyne	Bioethicist
Silao Vaisola-Sefo	Pacific health provider
Dr Apisalome Talemaitoga	GP and pacific health expert
Nicky Birch	Māori communications and engagement specialist
Taima Campbell	Nursing representative
Dr Tristram Ingham	Medical researcher and epidemiologist, disability sector expert
Kevin Pewhairangi	Pharmacy representative
Loretta Roberts	Immunisation specialist
Rhonda Sherriff	Aged residential care sector

7.3 Core responsibilities of the co-chairs

- provide effective leadership and direction to the IIAG
- have a commitment to upholding the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- have a commitment to ensuring equity of access and equity of health outcome for all New Zealanders, with a particular focus on Māori and Pacific groups
- provide necessary guidance and support to the IIAG members
- approve the meeting minutes in a timely manner.

To ensure IIAG has transparency over the consideration of its advice to the Ministry, the IIAG co-chair representing DHBs will be invited to attend each Steering Group meeting and both co-chairs will present to the Steering Group no less frequently than monthly.

7.4 Core responsibilities of all the members

- have a commitment to upholding the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- have a commitment to ensuring equity of access and equity of health outcome for all New Zealanders, with a particular focus on Māori and Pacific groups
- have a commitment to work for the New Zealand public
- act in their professional capacity as experts on areas relevant to the COVID-19 immunisation programme
- provide the Group with their own views and insights
- prepare for meetings, including reading any material sent out prior to the meeting
- prioritise attendance at the meetings and in the case of non-attendance, notify the co-chairs (or Secretariat) in advance of the meeting at the earliest possible opportunity. When circumstances prevent them from attending meetings, members will forward any comments, concerns and queries to the co-chairs before the meeting.

7.5 Terms of appointments

Appointments are made for the duration of the Group, unless otherwise determined by the Director-General of Health.

The Director-General, in consultation with the co-chairs, may terminate the appointment of any member at any time by notification in writing.

8. Meeting procedures

IIAG meetings will be held primarily through virtual means. The Secretariat will ensure the appropriate arrangements are made for members.

The meeting schedule will be agreed by co-chairs. Additional meetings may be called by the Secretariat in consultation with the co-chairs on an as required basis.

Draft minutes will be provided to members within **five** working days of the meeting.

Meeting agendas and relevant papers will be provided to attendees at least **three** working days before the meeting. The co-chairs may accept late items and papers at their discretion.

Feedback may be requested on various issues and proposals out of the usual meeting cycle. The Ministry will endeavour to give the Group as much time as possible to consider the information provided and provide feedback.

9. Liability

Members are not liable for any act or omission done or omitted in their capacity as a member, if they acted in good faith, and with reasonable care, in pursuance of the functions of the Group.

10. Confidentiality

Members of the Group will be privy to confidential and commercially sensitive information. It is expected that all information shared and discussed, including the agenda, material and minutes, are confidential. Members must ensure confidentiality is maintained and documents kept

securely. Release of correspondence or papers can only be made with the prior approval of the Ministry.

Members must ensure that any information acquired or created for IAG consideration is only used for performing duties as a member. Members may not use their knowledge of confidential IAG issues to provide inequitable benefit, gain or advantage to any individual, private or public agency or group.

Members are free to, and are expected to, express their own views within the context of meetings, or the general business of the IAG.

Members agree they will not at any time disclose to any person otherwise than necessary for these ToR or as required by law, any information they acquire for the purpose of providing and completing the services. In carrying their functions members of the IAG, members shall not make public statements of any kind on behalf of the IAG.

No members will make media statements of any kind on behalf of the IAG unless requested or approved to do so by the National Director Operations, COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme.

All IAG related agendas, minutes, email and other communication are subject to release under the Official Information Act 1982 unless otherwise excluded for release under the provisions of that Act.

All requirements around confidentiality will apply equally to all members, guests and staff supporting the Group.

11. Conflicts of Interest

The IAG will adhere to the Ministry's guidelines on conflicts of interest for advisory groups (see Appendix 1).

Members should perform their functions in good faith, honestly and impartially and avoid situations that might compromise their integrity or otherwise lead to conflicts of interest. Proper observation of these principles will enable public confidence in the work of the committee to be maintained.

Members must complete a written Declaration of Conflict¹ of interest both on appointment and annually, irrespective of whether they have a conflict of interest.

Any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest must be disclosed.

The group will have Conflicts of Interest as a standing item first on the meeting agenda to accommodate verbal disclosure and to ensure the Conflicts of Interest register is kept up-to-date and accurate.



Conflict of interest
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Conflicts of interest must also be considered with every agenda item, with the extent of any conflict/s assessed and fully documented in the minutes, including action taken to manage the conflict.

12. Fees

Members of the IAG are entitled to be paid fees for attendance at meetings. Members who are not already paid for their time through wider state sector arrangements are eligible to claim a fee of \$895 per day (based on an eight-hour day). The level of attendance fees is set in accordance with Cabinet Office Circular CO (19) 1, Fees framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest.

13. Expense Reimbursements

Members could be entitled to be reimbursed for actual and reasonable travelling and other expenses incurred in carrying out their duties, with prior agreement.

The expectation is that the standards of travel, accommodation, meals and other expenses are modest and appropriate to reflect public sector norms. Airfares and accommodation where funded should be booked through the Ministry.

14. Term of the IAG and review of the ToR

The IAG will be disestablished on 31 October 2021, or at any time earlier if the duties of the IAG have been fulfilled or it is no longer required. The end date for the IAG will be reviewed in September 2021 for any requirement to further extend the Group's term.

The work and terms of reference of the IAG may be amended, replaced or revoked by the Ministry at any time, and will be reviewed regularly by the Ministry, in conjunction with the IAG co-chairs.