



Border Worker Vaccination Order Amendment (BWVO Amendment): Implementation Programme Report

Summary - updates in bold

Overall programme status: AMBER

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- Further vaccination delivery planning across all DHB regions is underway regarding: managing the initial demand of unvaccinated border workers; implementing a longer term, sustainable process for priority access to vaccination for border workers (and household contacts); ongoing use of the COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) cohort report that identifies unvaccinated border workers from the BWTR; increasing use of Book My Vaccine (the national booking system) across DHBs.
- Paper outlining the Supply Chain Exemption criteria and process submitted to Minister by 31 July for approval. Documentation supporting the process being prepared and available to sector from 12 August.
- Agencies continue to support PCBUs to assess their workforce against scope of amended order. We expect to see overall number of individual workers in the BWTR increase over coming weeks.
- The baseline number, established as at 14 July, of active border workers at maritime ports and airports, who are in scope of the amended Order and on the BWTR, showed 1462 were unvaccinated. BWTR data extracted as at 8.00am, 28 July, show this number is 1342 (ref. 21 July: 1372); while fully vaccinated has increased to 3210 from 3076 at 21 July (ref. 14 July: 2785).

Workstreams

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AOG coordination 2. Programme reporting 3. Programme level risk management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder Engagement 2. Communications planning and media mgmt 3. Coordination and logistics 4. Communications-assoc risk management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vaccination delivery 2. Employment and industrial relations 3. Operations-associated risk management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring and compliance framework and deployment 2. Data and analysis 3. Monitoring and compliance-assoc risk mgmt 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafting of Order 2. Gazetting 3. Supply chain-economic exemptions 4. Employment relations policy and advice
<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim reporting on vaccination status of groups now included in report. Development of dashboard reporting in progress. • Following high level overview of MOH programmes affecting Border Workers, work has been undertaken to align engagement across programmes and conduct co-presentations where possible hereon. • TOR of the Independent Assurance process (Phase 2) with BEB CEs for approval at 29 July meeting. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings scheduled with sector partners next week to develop user focus. • Workshop to be scheduled with sector partners on raising awareness, identifying and managing risks and issues. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint localised engagement workshops with Port employers/PCBUs/Unions, local DHB reps, and representatives from the Border Worker Saliva testing now occurring, commencing with Nelson Port on Thursday 29 July. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group at visited ports established to action, where possible, requests from employers/PCBUs for support to implement the Order. Regular check in with DHB Ops to see plans are on track. • Adapting engagement plans to reflect feedback from stakeholders incl. PCBUs, unions, health sector, as well in response to data and intelligence. • Finalise next steps for engagement, including visits to ports of Taranaki, Gisborne, Timaru and Dunedin. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on delivery by DHBs for vaccination roll out in each rohe – provided to sector iteratively as local plans are developed, in particular where bespoke activity is developed with PCBUs and groups. • Ongoing sustainable approach now developed for Border Workers to access priority vaccination appointments at existing community sites. • Following an onsite visit to Centreport, request for clarification on practical implications of ‘on or about ships’ sent to port companies <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to update summary information on the various approaches that DHBs and PCBUs are developing to provide priority Border Worker vaccinations. • Following feedback from port companies, update operational guidance on the application of ‘on or around ships’ under the Order. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCBU access to vaccination status for workers on BWTR requires action on PCBU has been communicated. • Process to establish additional in-scope ‘affected items’ workforce ongoing with MOT/MNZ/MIQ/CAA. Minimal numbers of additional workers identified to date, however work ongoing. • Vaccine booking system confirmed to have ability to provide priority access appointments for Border Workers. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Vaccination Order Monitoring and Compliance framework to be tabled at BEB Senior Officials Group – 26 July. • Review and update Vaccination Order guidance and align to Required Testing Order guidance 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria and a process for exemptions from the Order approved by BEB CEs, subject to outstanding question currently with Director General on process for making recommendation to Minister. • Work is underway on setting up the cross-sector panel that will assess exemption applications and make recommendations. • Feedback received from Unions and major employers on guidance materials for employers/PCBUs ‘Engaging with unvaccinated workers’ guidelines under consideration. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of exemption process to Minister by 31 July. • Confirmation of panel members for exemption process, and communication of exemption guidance criteria/process ahead of the go-live date of 12 August 2021. • Documents to support exemption process being developed to go online 5 August 2021.
<p>Risks (R) and Issues (I)</p>	<p>Risks (R) and Issues (I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change fatigue of PCBUs, DHBs and workers with multiple health initiatives being planned or underway (I). • Different levels of ability across PCBUs to manage operations of BWTR (I). • Many PCBUs yet to submit request to MOH to apply the “override” to the BWTR which 	<p>Risks (R) and Issues (I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliance on PCBUs providing accurate worker data to DHBs to assist local planning (R). • s9(2)(g)(i) OIA [REDACTED] • Supply chain impacts if some Port workers refuse to be vaccinated (R) 	<p>Risks (R) and Issues (I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliance on PCBUs to maintain contact details on BWTR and ensure nominated point of contact is reviewing newsletters (R). • s9(2)(g)(i) OIA [REDACTED] • s9(2)(g)(i) OIA [REDACTED] 	<p>Risks (R) and Issues (I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistent application of the Order due to unclear definitions of some aspects of the Order, such as ‘on or around ships’ (I). • Delays with confirming the process for referring exemption recommendations to the Minister may delay submission and approval of

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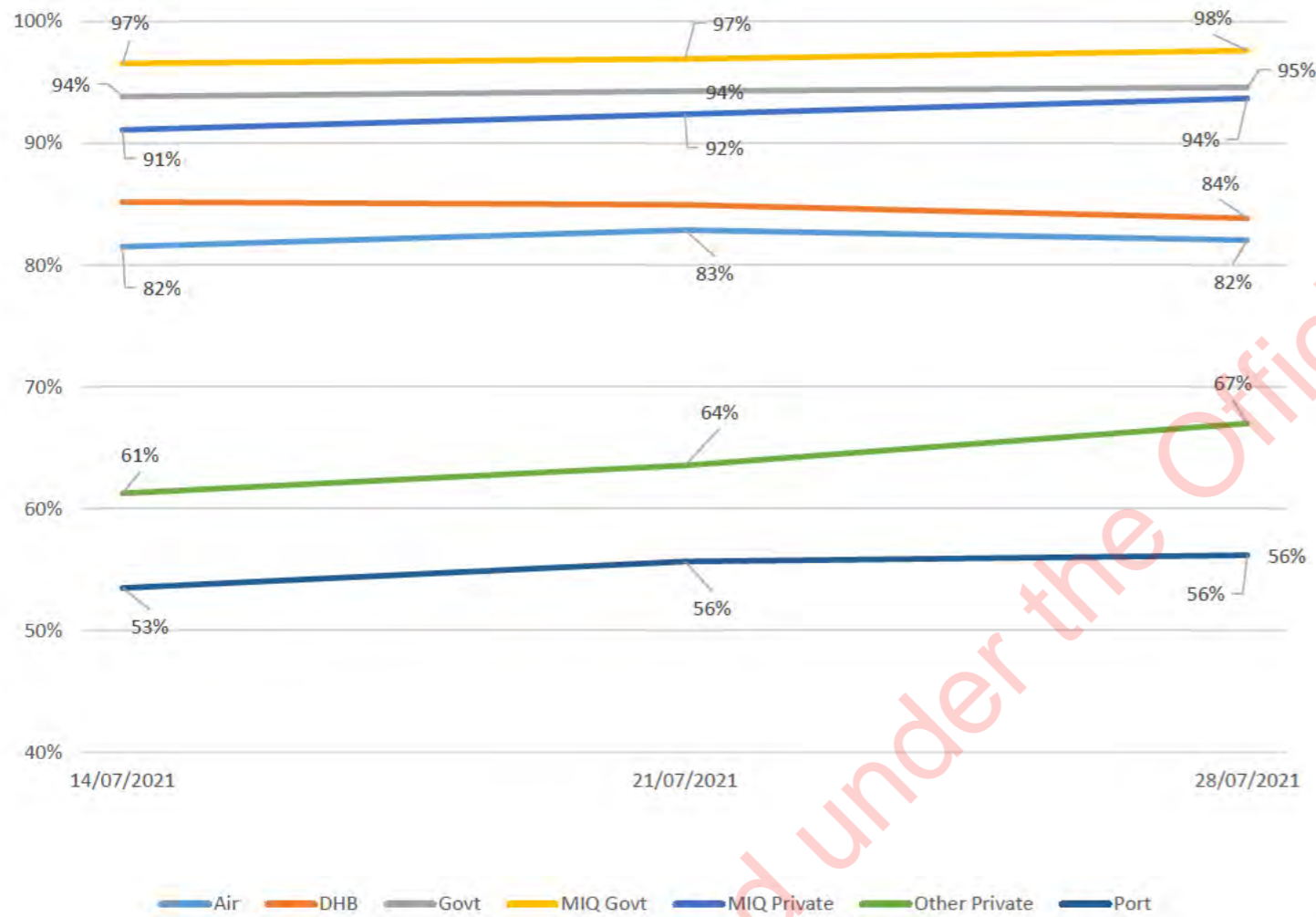
allows them to see the vaccination status of their workers (I).

• Employment Relations risks if some Port workers refuse to be vaccinated (R)

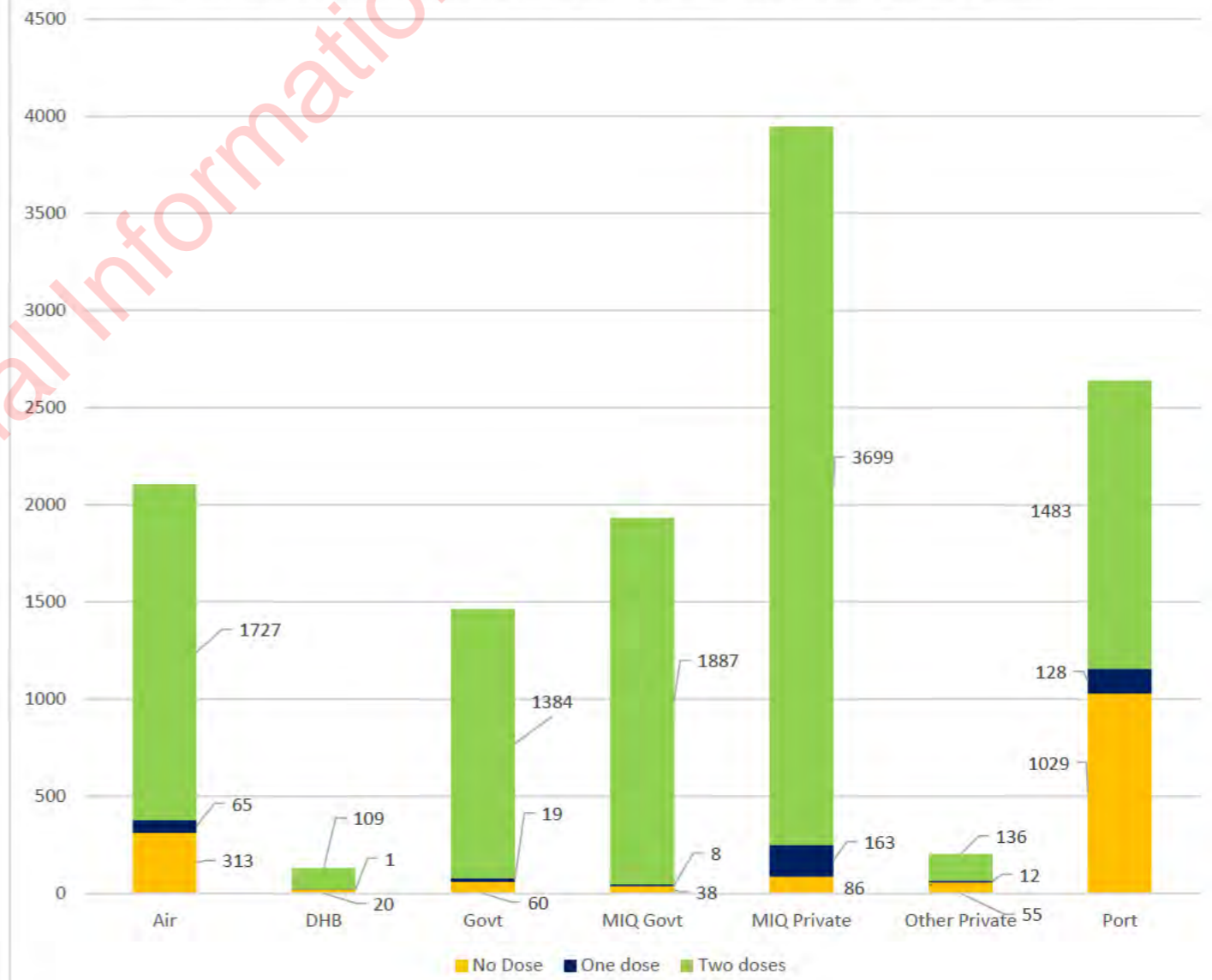
• Inconsistent application by PCBUs of affected persons due to variable u/standing of Order (R)

the process by the Minister due to commence 12 August.

Number of fully vaccinated 'active workers' by sector from 14 July - 28 July 2021



Numbers of vaccinated 'active workers' by sector as at 28 July 2021



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