

Mandatory vaccinations for health, education and prison workers

The extended COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order 2021 came into effect at 11.59pm on 25 October 2021 and requires workers who face a high risk of exposure to COVID-19 and who work in the health and disability and education sectors or prisons to be fully vaccinated.

The health and disability workers that will be required to be fully vaccinated are:

- General practitioners (GPs)
- Pharmacists
- Community health nurses
- Midwives
- Paramedics
- Healthcare/disability workers in facilities with vulnerable patients (ICU)
- Aged residential care workers who enter homes to provide services

In the education sector:

- Early childhood
- Registered schools
- State schools
- State integrated schools
- Private schools

Prisons:

- Prison staff
- Healthcare staff working in prisons
- Psychologists working in prisons
- Many of the people contacted to provide services for prisons

Workers who only occasionally work in schools, prisons or health and disability environments may also be subject to the Order and should consult the Ministry of Health's website for more information. Workers who have proof of being vaccinated overseas with one of Medsafe's four approved vaccinations will qualify as having met the terms of the Order.

Resources:

Expanded vaccination order for health and disability, education and prison workers < <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/expanded-vaccination-order-health-and-disability-education-and-prison-workers> > 23 October 2021

Covid-19: Expanded vaccination order for health and disability, education and prison workers < <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/300437149/covid19-expanded-vaccination-order-for-health-and-disability-education-and-prison-workers> >

Health and disability, education and prison workers must be fully vaccinated – Hipkins < <https://www.teaomaori.news/health-and-disability-education-and-prison-workers-must-be-fully-vaccinated-hipkins> >