**Update: COVID-19 vaccine opportunity for disabled people and their carers in Auckland**

Supporting people aged over 16 years old with disabilities, and their carers, to get their COVID-19 vaccine is a priority for the metro Auckland vaccination programme.

Invitations to book a COVID-19 vaccination will be sent to people with disabilities and their carers from now through to the end of July by Taikura or the provider of your support services.

Many paid and unpaid support workers have already been invited to book but some may not have yet, so they will receive invitations at the same time.

The Northern Region’s COVID-19 vaccination website has the details of our current community vaccination centres, including opening hours – you can this information [here](https://immunisation.northernregion.health.nz/#where-to-get-vaccinated). We are currently undertaking accessibility audits of our vaccination centres and information about the accessibility of each site will be updated on the website. This website also provides answers to some common vaccine-related questions.

A number of people have asked about the Medsafe provisional approval of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds. Youth aged 12 to 15 cannot receive the Pfizer vaccine until Cabinet have approved a ‘decision to use’. Cabinet are expected to consider this issue soon. If Cabinet approve the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds, the Ministry of Health will provide advice about how young people will be able to access their vaccinations as part of the rollout.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccinations, visit our [website](https://immunisation.northernregion.health.nz/) or call our vaccination helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

Thank you for helping to keep your whānau, community and country safe from COVID-19.

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