



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 continuing: managing the additional demand of unvaccinated border workers; 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 approved by Minister with additional evidence proposed that is being worked through.** Documentation supporting the process being prepared and available to sector from 5 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 given anticipatory nature of the VO.
- **Face-to-face meetings with port employers and unions are continuing, including visits to ports of Northland, Taranaki, Gisborne, Timaru and Port Chalmers (Dunedin).**
- **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, 4 August, show this number is 1222 (ref. 28 July: 1342); while fully vaccinated has increased to 3270 from 3210 at 21 July (ref. 14 July: 2785).**

Workstreams

Reporting and Coordination	Strategic Communications and engagement	Operations	Monitoring and compliance	Policy and Legislation
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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/s 2. Gazetting 3. Supply chain-economic exemptions 4. Employment relations policy and advice
<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of dashboard reporting in progress with MOH reporting team. • Weekly communications pack for SOG established to ensure alignment and visibility of key messages and issues • Meetings underway with sector partners next week to develop user focus. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop to be scheduled with sector partners on raising awareness, identifying and managing risks and issues. • Initial activity of Independent Assurance commenced. 	<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 where possible. continuing. Met Northport (Northland) on 2 August. • Working groups 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. • Engagement plans adapted on an ongoing basis to reflect feedback from stakeholders incl. PCBUs, unions, health sector, as well in response to data and intelligence. • Engagement underway with PCBUs ensure applying for the "override" to enable them to see vaccination status of their workers. • FAQs and key messages updated. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning underway with visits to Air workers in Auckland and Christchurch. • Finalising engagement, including visits to ports of Taranaki, Gisborne, Timaru and Port Chalmers (Dunedin). • Continually update FAQs and key messages using information from stakeholder and media inquiries. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to update information on delivery by DHBs for vaccination roll out in each rohe – in particular where bespoke activity is developed with PCBUs and groups. • Awaiting feedback from port companies to enable development of guidance 'on or around ships' <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, as a priority 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 and is being followed up with each PCBU. • Process to establish additional in-scope 'affected items' workforce ongoing with MOT/MNZ/MIQ/CAA. Minimal numbers of additional workers identified to date, work to commence to extrapolate potential numbers from information provided. • Monitoring of Worker vaccination rates is underway. PCBUs are being contacted and their current staff vaccination status is discussed. • Draft Vaccination Order Monitoring and Compliance framework to be tabled at BEB 5 August • Review and update of Vaccination Order guidance and align to Required Testing Order guidance underway. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Vaccination Order guidance by 12 August. • Continue monitoring and engagement activity. • Resolution of data issues where vaccination data is not accurate. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process for supply chain exemptions from the Order submitted and approved by Minister. Additional evidence proposed as part of approval by Minister being worked through. • Work ongoing with setting up the cross-sector panel that will assess exemption applications and make recommendations. MOH and Treasury panel members to be confirmed. • 'Engaging with unvaccinated workers' guidelines being finalised by MBIE following feedback from agencies and employers. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoT to work through operationalising additional evidence proposed by Minister. • Documents to support exemption process being developed to go online 5 August 2021.

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<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). • Some PCBUs yet to submit request to MOH to apply the "override" to the BWTR which allows them to see the vaccination status of their workers (I). 	<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) • Employment Relations risks 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). • Inconsistent application by PCBUs of affected persons due to variable u/standing of Order (R) • Some anomalies between vaccination data in CIR and BWTR. (I) 	<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). • s9(2)(g)(i) OIA [REDACTED]
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Summary status of vaccination rates of active workers

