



2 August 2021



Reference: OIA-2020/21-0745

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to updates made to COVID-19 rollout groups webpage**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 July 2021. You requested:

*"I request under the OIA a list of all updates made to the following web page. Please provide both the number of updates and a breakdown of what details on the page were changed in each update.  
<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/our-covid-19-vaccination-plan/covid-19-vaccine-rollout-groups/#group-4>"*

On 13 July 2021 we wrote to you seeking clarification on your request, as we wanted to determine if you were wanting information captured on the linked section of the webpage (denoted by /#group-4 at the end of the URL), or if you were wanting updates to the broader webpage.

As we have not heard back from you, we have interpreted your request as relating to the section you linked in your request. Please let us know if we have interpreted this incorrectly.

Please find attached records of updates to the "Group 4" section of the Vaccine Rollout Groups page, as changed on 17, 21, 22, and 23 June 2021. For clarity on the changes, text that was newly added to the page on these dates has had its colour changed to red.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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## Attachment 1 – Updates to COVID-19 Vaccine Group Rollout – Group 4 Section

Original text	<p><b>Group 4 — being vaccinated from the end of July</b></p> <p><b>Everyone</b></p> <p>You're in this group if you're aged 16 or over.</p> <p>Group 4 are being vaccinated from the end of July because, before we vaccinate the wider population, we need to protect the people who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• most at risk of catching or spreading COVID-19</li> <li>• most at risk of becoming seriously ill or even dying if they get the virus.</li> </ul> <p>Everyone will have the opportunity to protect themselves, their whānau and our communities.</p> <p><a href="#">Sign up for Group 4 updates</a></p>
17 June 2021 Update	<p><b>Group 4 — being vaccinated from 28 July</b></p> <p><b>Everyone <b>aged 16 and over</b></b></p> <p>You're in this group if you're aged 16 and over <b>and haven't been eligible for a vaccination yet.</b></p> <p><b>We'll start vaccinating the general population (Group 4) from 28 July. Everyone in this group will have the opportunity to get vaccinated by the end of the year.</b></p> <p><b>There are more than 2 million people in this group. We need to make sure everyone can have their turn, and we need to pace how we roll vaccinations out.</b></p> <p><b>The vaccine rollout for Group 4 will be in age bands</b></p> <p><b>The first age band is people aged 60 years and over. If you're in this age band you become eligible for your COVID-19 vaccination from 28 July.</b></p> <p><b>The next age band will be everyone aged 55 years and over. Bookings for this age band will open 2 weeks later, on 11 August.</b></p> <p><b>Everyone else will follow in age bands through until the end of 2021.</b></p> <p><b>The exact start dates of other age bands depend on the timings of our vaccine deliveries. We'll announce new start dates as soon as deliveries are confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>Why you're in this group</b></p>

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<p><b>21 June 2021</b></p> <p><b>Update</b></p>	<p><b>Group 4</b></p> <p><b>Everyone aged 16 and over</b></p> <p>You're in this group if you're aged 16 and over and have not been eligible for a vaccination yet.</p> <p><b>The vaccine rollout for Group 4 will be in age bands</b></p> <p>The first age band is people aged 60 and over. They will be able to book a vaccination from 28 July.</p> <p>The next age band is people aged 55 and over. Bookings for this age band will open 2 weeks later, on 11 August.</p> <p>Depending on vaccine supply and progress with other age groups, invitations will open up to people over 45 years from mid to late August, mid to late September for people 35 plus, with everyone else being eligible from October.</p> <p>Once it's your turn, you can be vaccinated at any time — there's no cut off.</p> <p>Group 4 are being vaccinated from 28 July because, before we vaccinate the wider population, we need to protect the people who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• most at risk of catching or spreading COVID-19</li> <li>• most at risk of becoming seriously ill or even dying if they get the virus.</li> </ul> <p>There are more than 2 million people in this group. We need to make sure everyone can have their turn, and we need to pace how we roll vaccinations out.</p> <p>Everyone in this group will have the opportunity to get vaccinated by the end of the year.</p> <p><a href="#">Sign up for Group 4 updates</a></p>



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