



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

Summary - Updates in bold

Overall programme status: AMBER

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- Vaccination delivery across all DHB regions continuing; DHBs with major ports in their regions are actively working to further improve vaccination rates. Examples of the range of initiatives underway include: additional pop-up vaccination sites at flexible times that align with shipping schedules and workers' shifts, education sessions involving nurses and other health professionals to ensure workers have reliable, up to date information, outreach sites offering testing as well as vaccinations, easier booking processes for workers and their families, mobile vaccination teams at ports, and vaccination events
- Process and supporting information for supply chain exemptions from the Vaccinations Order has been published, ahead of the exemption coming into force on 12 August 2021
- Agencies continue to support PCBUs to assess their workforce against scope of the amended Order. We have seen an increase in overall individual workers in the BWTR as expected given anticipatory nature of the amended Order
- Face-to-face meetings with port employers and unions are continuing, including visits this week to Port Chalmers (Dunedin), Taranaki and Timaru
- 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, 11 August, show this number is 1063 (ref. 4 Aug: 1222); while fully vaccinated has increased to 3280 from 3270 at 11 August (ref. 14 July: 2785).
- BOP/Port of Tauranga - For the Bay of Plenty DHB, as of 11 August, the BWTR shows 235 port border workers have been fully vaccinated, 33 have had one dose, and 249 are still to be vaccinated. In response, the local public health unit will be working closely with Port of Tauranga and companies employing port workers to improve access to those not currently vaccinated to get a vaccination. The local public health service will have staff on-site to provide vaccinations to port staff from Monday for the next two weeks. Health officials including clinicians have held two information sessions with port workers this week. Since March, public health staff have engaged in multiple hui and Q+ A sessions at the port and will continue to encourage staff to get vaccinated up until the deadline of 30 September.

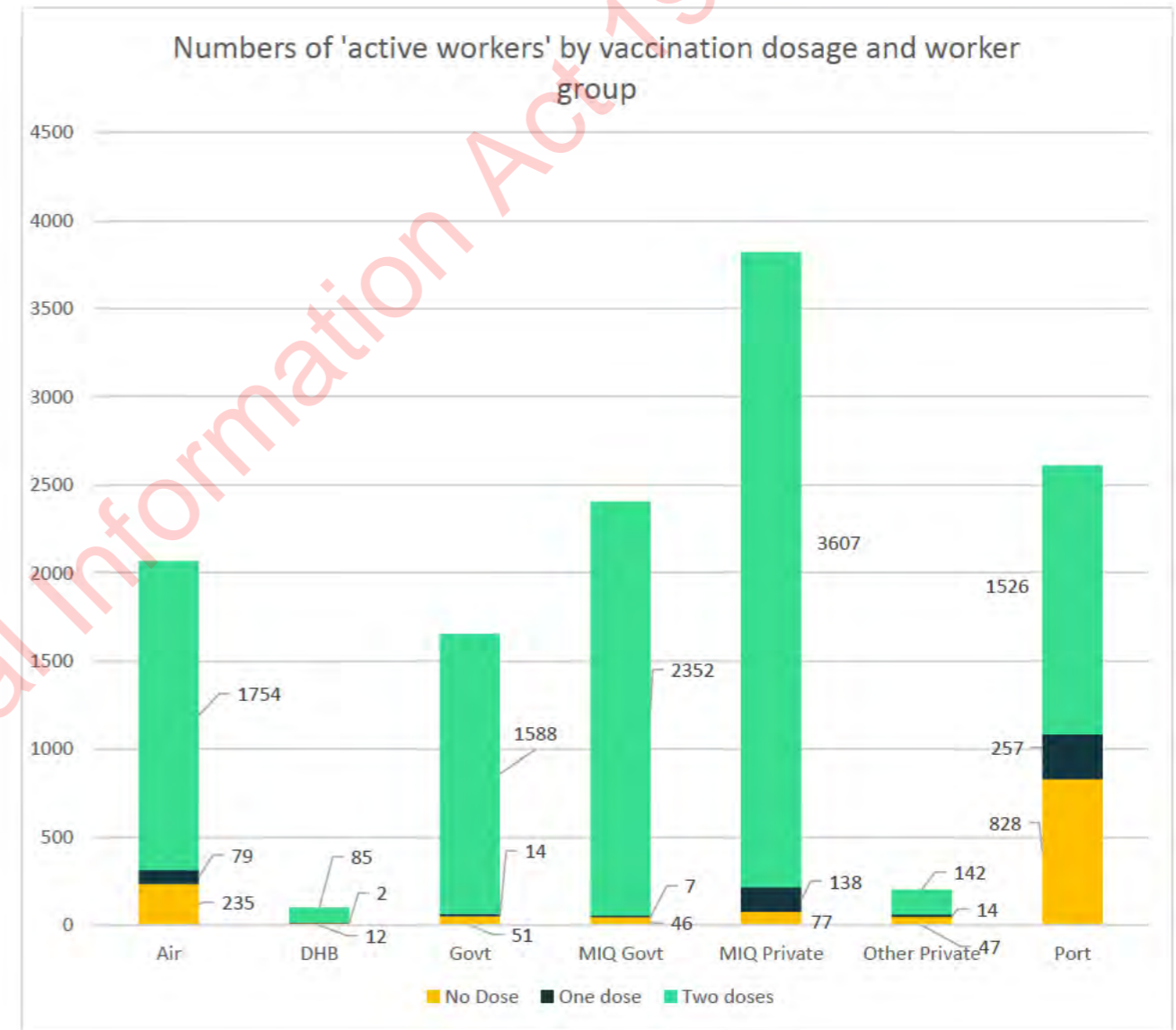
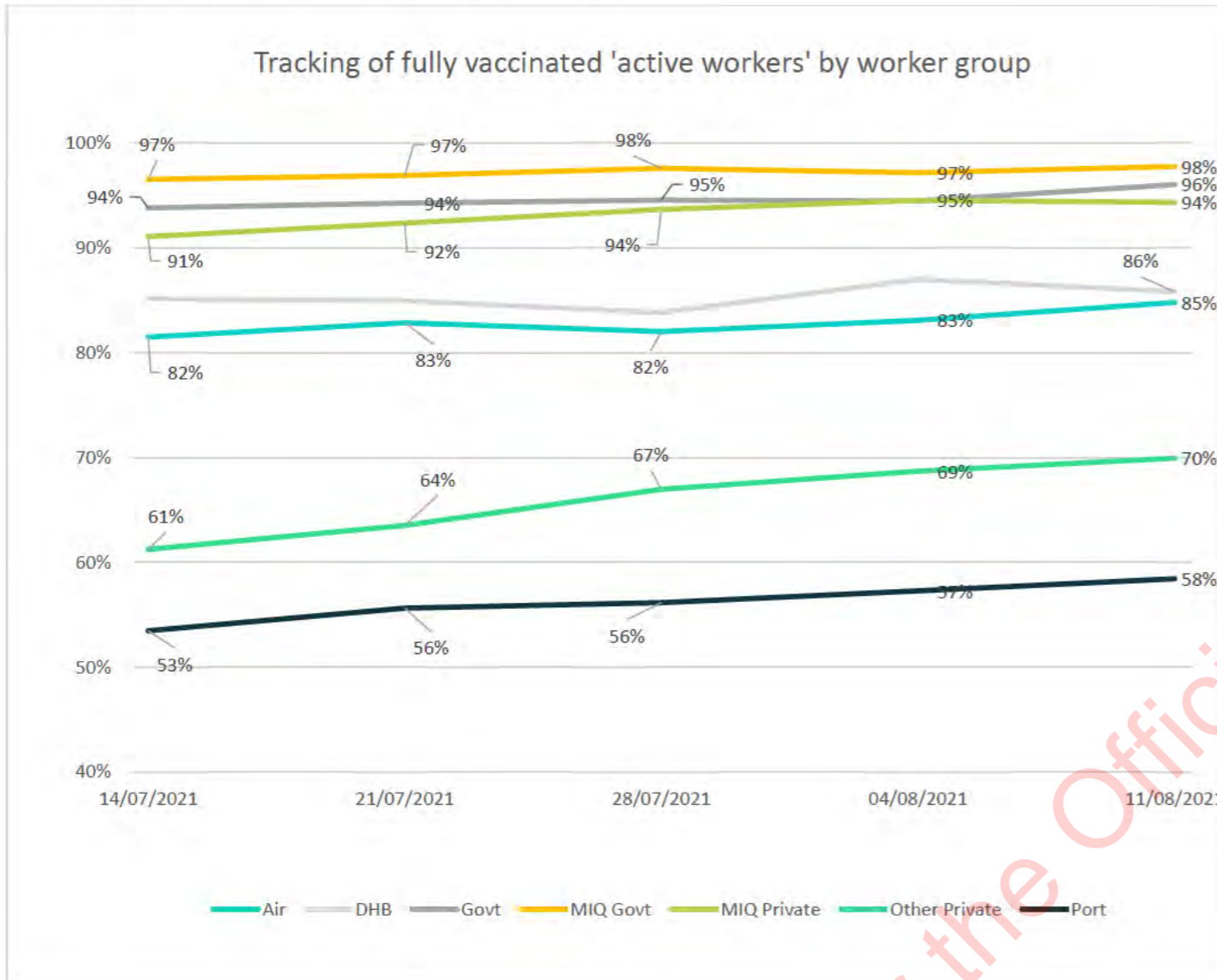
Workstreams

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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/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. • Workshops to consider customer journey/user focus deferred to next week. <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. • Commencement of independent review of border worker vaccination (as part of border worker vaccination and testing review). This review is being carried out by Venter Consulting Ltd 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs updated and published on website. Key messages updated. • Joint localised engagement workshops with Port employers/PCBUs/Unions, local DHB reps, and representatives from the Border Worker Saliva testing where possible is continuing. • Meetings with Port Chalmers, Dunedin (9 Aug); Taranaki (11 Aug); Timaru (12 Aug); Gisborne (17 Aug). Feedback from Port and Union CEs is that these have been appreciated and useful • Working groups at visited ports established to action, where possible, requests from employers/PCBUs for support to implement the Vaccinations 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 including PCBUs, unions, health sector, as well in response to data and intelligence. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning with sector on visits to aviation workers in Auckland and Christchurch. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven DHB regions with Port sites have set up or have plans to set up, on-site port vaccination clinics over August and early September. These DHBs include, Auckland Metro, Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Nelson Marlborough, Capital and Coast, Tairāwhiti, and Canterbury. • The remaining DHB regions with port sites have established priority access for port workers at existing vaccination clinics close to the port location and across the community. MoH will work with these DHBs to support setting up on-site port vaccination clinics. These DHBs include Taranaki (already in close contact about setting up on-site clinics with the port if required), South Canterbury, and Southern. <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. 	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week, government agencies have been contacted to remind them about the upcoming 26 August deadline (when certain work at the border can only be carried out by vaccinated workers) • PCBUs need to apply for 'override' to see vaccination details of all staff (rather than just active staff) – MoH is proactively contacting PCBUs to advise them to apply for this • Monitoring of worker vaccination rates continues. • Data is flowing freely between CIR and BWTR <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and supporting information for supply chain exemptions from the Vaccinations Order has been published; the exemption came into force on 12 August 2021. • Min Hipkins has agreed to a revised question in the supply chain exemption evidence "has the worker been brief on the vaccine by a suitably qualified health practitioner?" • Work ongoing with setting up the cross-sector panel that will assess exemption applications and make recommendations. MOH panel member was confirmed on 11 August 2021. Treasury panel members to be confirmed. • Guidance on 'on or around ships' still be refined. It needs to be broad enough to reflect different ways of operating between the ports, but narrow enough to permit consistency and compliance/enforcement • '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"> • An initial meeting of the supply chain exemption panel will confirm processes are



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalising engagement, including visits to ports Gisborne Continually update FAQs and key messages using information from stakeholder and media inquiries. 			ready for applications to be assessed once they start arriving.
Risks (R) and Issues (I)	<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). 	<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) 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"> 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


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**Summary status of vaccination rates of active workers by maritime port and DHB of residence**

DHB of residence	Border Workforce Port		
	No dose	One dose	Two doses
Auckland	36	12	109
Bay of Plenty	249	33	235
Canterbury	71	23	324
Capital and Coast	19	28	62
Counties Manukau	60	17	106
Hawkes Bay	60	16	134
Hutt Valley	11	18	21
Lakes	10	-	<10
MidCentral	<10	<10	<10
Nelson Marlborough	30	13	95
Northland	61	20	113
Other	<10	-	<10
South Canterbury	33	26	66
Southern	52	19	181
Tairāwhiti	49	<10	19
Taranaki	25	15	76
Waikato	18	<10	15
Wairarapa	<10	-	<10
Waitemata	66	16	177
West Coast	-	-	<10
Whanganui	<10	-	<10
Totals excl <10	857	270	1,745

NOTE

Around 1% of workers have multiple DHBs leading to some double counting. This will be addressed in future reporting

Data extracted and count data as at 8:00am August 11. Vaccination status as at 9pm August 10. Active workers only.

Variation is on the same day previous week.

No dose means either the worker has not had any doses, or they cannot be matched in the CIR for another reason.

An Active employee in the BWTR is defined as someone who has worked within the last 14 days. Data is sourced from the Border Worker Testing Register to reflect active border worker staff. These figures exclude inactive border workers and individuals who have self identified as border workers at time of vaccination but have not been registered in the BWTR

There may be instances of duplicates in the BWTR caused by staff working at multiple organisations.

Data quality is heavily dependent on uploads from PCBUs and inaccurate details (such as full name or DoB) may mean matches with CIR are not possible.

Ongoing data maintenance and cleansing is being conducted by the PCBUs and new staff are added as they come online. As the data is cleansed and updated - including the addition and removal of staff as the workforce evolves - the numbers will continue to change.