

# Sequencing the Roll out of COVID-19 Vaccines

It is likely that vaccines will become available in stages, which means we will need to consider the best way to sequence their delivery to provide the best protection for those who are at a higher risk of poor outcomes from COVID-19. We are preparing for three different scenarios for rolling out the vaccine, based on whether we are able to keep COVID-19 out of our borders or whether we are dealing with community transmission.

## Group One

First group of people to receive the vaccine in each scenario

### Scenario One

Low/no community transmission  
*Aim: Prevent transmission*

- Border and managed isolation & quarantine workforce
- Health workforce at highest risk of exposure to COVID-19
- Household contacts of the above two groups

## Group Two

Second group of people to receive the vaccine in each scenario

- High risk frontline health workforce
- High risk frontline public sector and emergency services

## Group Three

Third group of people to receive the vaccine in each scenario

- People in the community, including:
  - Older people
  - People with underlying conditions
- At risk health and social services workforce

### Scenario Two

Clusters and controlled outbreaks  
*Aim: Reduce transmission and protect people in close contact*

- Border and managed isolation & quarantine workforce
- Health workforce at highest risk of exposure to COVID-19
- Household contacts of the above two groups
- Population affected by the outbreak

- High risk frontline health workforce
- High risk frontline public sector and emergency services

- People in the community, including:
  - Older people
  - People with underlying conditions

- At risk health and social services workforce

### Scenario Three

Widespread community transmission  
*Aim: Protect those most vulnerable to prevent illness and mortality*

- Border and managed isolation & quarantine workforce
- Health workforce at highest risk of exposure to COVID-19
- Household contacts of the above two groups

- High risk frontline health workforce
- High risk frontline public sector and emergency services
- Remaining frontline health workforce

- Remaining health and public sector workforce
- Other population groups