



## **Mandatory Vaccination Order and Exemption process 8 November 2021**

We have been notified by the Ministry of changes to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021. These changes came into force at 11.59pm on 7 November 2021. The order can be found [here](#).

The changes provide clarity around telehealth and vaccination exemptions.

### **Vaccination exemptions**

Only a medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner may apply for a COVID-19 vaccination exemption on behalf of a person on the grounds that the person meets the specified exemption criteria. That application is submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Health.

### **Telehealth**

The order now states that health practitioners who conduct consultations with patients only by remote means (for example, on-line or by telephone) are not required to be vaccinated.

### **Useful links**

[Covid-19 Public Health Response Amendment Order 2021](#)

[Vaccine Temporary Medical Exemption Clinical Criteria](#)

[Exemptions and exceptions](#)

There has been no change in the order relating to dates and Health Practitioners are still to receive their first vaccine dose by 15 November and to be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022 if they wish to continue working with clients face-to-face.