

Attachment C

COVID-19: Our approach to supporting Elected Members

Principles that guide this approach

Our elected members perform important democratic and representative roles. We must ensure our councillors and local board members can continue to fully perform these roles, while maintaining their health and safety as well as that of staff and members of the public.

Our risk assessment reinforced that vaccination against COVID-19 is the best way of protecting our people, their whanau and our communities from becoming infected or seriously ill from COVID-19. Without vaccinations, the risk to the health and safety of our staff, elected members, appointed members and the public is high. This is not an acceptable position in the context of Our Charter, and our commitment to look after the health, safety and wellbeing of our people.

Our approach to protecting each other, our staff and the public

1. All elected members are required to be fully vaccinated to enter council offices and meeting spaces from 15 December 2021. Members who are not fully vaccinated or who choose not to disclose their vaccination status will be denied entry into council offices and meeting spaces.
2. All elected members must provide evidence of their vaccination status to the Governance Support Manager or their Local Area Manager by way of their My Vaccine Pass (or other equivalent proof of vaccination that complies with the Ministry of Health's guidelines about what is meant by fully vaccinated).
3. This guidance will be reviewed regularly and no later than three months following adoption on 15 December 2021.

Continued support to enable elected members to fulfil their roles

Ongoing support will be provided to ensure unvaccinated elected members can continue to perform their roles at meetings online via remote attendance or participation and can continue to fulfil any other duties required to perform their roles.