

18 March 2024

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Tēnā koe Diana,

For your approval: 2024 influenza vaccines administered until their expiry date under the current Annual Influenza Immunisation Programme

On 9 March you counter-signed the attached Influenza Programme approval letter (**Appendix 1**) to authorise this immunisation programme between 2 April 2024 and 30 September 2024.

The National Public Health Service Prevention Directorate has identified that certain providers continue to deliver both funded and unfunded influenza vaccines until 2024 stock expires in early 2025.

Under your statutory function as Director-General of Health, I now seek your updated approval of this programme as an *approved immunisation programme* under the Medicines Regulations 1984 reg 44(o) and 44A.

Your approval enables vaccinators to administer both public and private market influenza vaccine without prescription from 2 April 2024 until Medsafe approved influenza vaccine stock is exhausted or expired, whichever occurs first.

Next steps

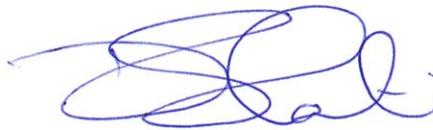
To confirm your approval please counter-sign this letter and return to me by email Alana.Ewe-Snow@tewhatuora.govt.nz. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at this address.

Ngā mihi,



Alana Ewe-Snow
Director, Prevention
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Date: 18 March 2024



Dr Diana Sarfati
Director-General of Health
Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora

Date: 26/3/24