

**Minutes: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (3 August 2021)**Excerpt:

<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Dosing interval for Pfizer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Request for Advice (RfA) on this topic was reviewed.</li> <li>• The data on improved immune responses with a delayed interval was noted as promising.</li> <li>• It was noted that, in the event of an outbreak, there would be reduced protection for those who have only had one dose. CV-TAG therefore encouraged surge capacity to be built into the programme in case of an outbreak.</li> <li>• Exceptions to the longer intervals among immunosuppressed people (e.g., with solid tumours) was discussed, and the Science and Technical Advisory team will progress consultation and discussion on these exceptions.</li> <li>• The RfA on evidence on the dosing intervals will be shared with the Director-General.</li> </ul>
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**Minutes: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (5 October 2021)**Excerpt:

<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Vaccine Rollout</b></p> <p>The Chair provided an update on the vaccine rollout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been agreed that the default booking rules change back to a three-week interval, due to the changing context of the Delta outbreak and the increased potential for circulating virus, there is an increased need to get second doses administered</li> <li>• The shift of resources to administering second doses was seen as anti-equity as it may divert focus from outreach to Māori and Pasifika who have not yet had first doses, however it was noted there is no shortage of vaccines or appointments to do both.</li> <li>• There was some discussion on whether a longer interval should be kept for adolescents and young people &lt;30 due to wanting more data on the connection between intervals and side effects.</li> <li>• A shift back to three-week intervals would likely see an increase in people receiving their second dose before the minimum of 21 days, and therefore continued communication on the minimum interval between doses was needed.</li> </ul>
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