

Appendix G:

Vaccination site screening questions

We encourage you to screen both staff and consumers for risk of exposure to COVID-19 and COVID-19 symptoms. Screening is critical to breaking the chain of transmission of COVID-19 and maintaining staff and consumer safety.

Figure G.1 below details the recommended screening questions and process to create a lower risk environment for transmission of COVID-19 and to ensure PPE advice is appropriate.

Please note:

- In the event of COVID-19 Alert Level changes, additional advice will be formulated by local public health units and NPHS Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora.
- Any consumer with a confirmed COVID-19 infection should not be vaccinated until they have had the appropriate recovery period (see Immunisation Handbook or consult with IMAC).
- Any consumer that has answered 'yes' to the screening questions below, is considered high risk for the transmission of COVID-19 and deferral is recommended.
- If a provider wishes to vaccinate a higher risk consumer (someone who answered yes below), providers should follow the 'vaccination in high-risk or screen 'positive' consumers' section in the Operating Guidelines.

Figure G.1– recommended screening questions

Q1 – Do you have symptoms of COVID-19?

Follow link to **COVID-19 Case definition**

If a client has any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, defer vaccination and do not permit entry to the site. Advise them to follow recommendations and guidance from NPHS Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora/public health services. Recommend they get a test and self-isolate pending the result.



If no symptoms, continue to the next question.

Q2 – Do you live with someone who has COVID-19?

If an individual lives with someone who has COVID-19, they are considered a household contact do not permit entry to the site and advise them to follow recommendations and guidance from NPHS Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora/public health services.



If no symptoms, continue to the next question.

Q3 – Have you been requested to stay at home, to self-isolate or are under an isolation order?

If yes, defer vaccination and do not permit entry to the site. Recommend continuing to follow the stay at home/self-isolation plan.



If no symptoms, continue to the next question.

Q4 – Are you currently waiting on a COVID-19 test result?

If yes, defer vaccination and do not permit entry to the site. Recommend rebooking once a negative test result has been received, and they have been told they no longer need to stay at home/self-isolate.



If no, proceed to vaccinate as per the Operating Guidelines.