

Kia ora

Confirmed AIR Cutover Date

Thank you for your patience as we have finalised the development and testing timelines to enable us to transition from the National Immunisation Register (NIR) & Covid19 Immunisation Register (CIR) to the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR). We are pleased to confirm the cutover date to AIR will be the **25 November 2023**. We also have a contingency date; this will only be shared as needed. Having a contingency date is standard practice and is only used if there is a serious incident with the technology that cannot be resolved in time. If this does happen, we will ensure you have enough notice as possible.

What does cutover mean?

- NIR & CIR data will be migrated to AIR.
- We will cease to use the NIR and CIR to record vaccinations, view immunisation history and as data sources that generate operational and aggregated reporting.
- GP Patient Management Systems (PMS) that are currently connected to NIR will now connect to AIR and will also be able to record COVID19. We are working directly with software vendors to enable this.
- All vaccinations (including Covid19) for all age groups will be recorded using either a GP PMS that has been reconnected to AIR (from NIR) or the AIR vaccinator portal.
- Cutover is one milestone in the AIR development programme. The AIR will continue to develop past cutover, building and delivering functionality in increments. Cutover will enable the core functionality of the Aotearoa Immunisation Register.

While we're excited about this change and what it means for the tools that enable the delivery of immunisation services, we acknowledge change can be unsettling. Our commitment is that together, we will step through this change and work together to ensure the cutover to the AIR is as straight forward as possible.

What do you need to do?

The AIR team has been working with AIR District Readiness Leads across the motu to lead preparation for cutover in their districts, and we have met with every PHO to prepare us for the transition. Broadly speaking users that use the NIR & CIR to record immunisation and view immunisation history fall into two groups:

- Group 1: If you have a Patient Management System (PMS) or maternity systems that is **currently** connected into NIR, **you do not need to do anything**. Your systems will be reconnected to the AIR when we transition. There are some other minor changes that we will make you aware of through our communication channels.
- Group 2: If you are currently a direct user of the NIR, and you do not fall into the above group, we have been working with the PHO and the District Leads to identify your requirements and map you to the new applications. **In the next four weeks you will receive communications that will help you to transition, please be patient and wait to receive these.**

Where to find information about cutover

The AIR Readiness Page on the AIR website is the source of truth for all things cutover. It will include all the information you need to get ready for the transition to AIR, we will be updating this website regularly in the weeks leading up to cutover. To go to the AIR Readiness Page, click [here](#).

We send out regular communications through our national channels and with our industry body partners.

- National Immunisation Programme Newsletter
- Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC)
- Other key industry channels: General Practice New Zealand (GPNZ), New Zealand College of Midwives (NZCoM), Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand (PGNZ), Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ), Digital Health Association (DHA), New Zealand Occupational Health Nurses Association (NZOHNA)

We have appointed District Readiness Leads across the motu to lead preparation for cutover in their districts. They will act as a link between the AIR Change Team and the district they represent to manage district readiness and support a smooth transition through cutover. Your District Readiness Lead may also be in touch as we get closer to cutover.

• Region	• AIR Readiness Lead	• Region	• AIR Readiness Lead
• Northland	• Delwynne Shepherd	• Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley	• Ryan Eastham
• Waitemata	• Natalie Desmond	• Hawkes Bay	• Kirsty Basher
• Auckland	• Natalie Desmond	• Mid-Central	• Shelley Daysh
• Counties Manukau	• Muriel Hohapata	• Wairarapa	• Tina Brady
• Waikato	• Teijana Turei	• Nelson Marlborough	• Bobbie Hutton
• Lakes	• Jessica James	• Canterbury	• Bridget Lester
• Bay of Plenty	• Matthew Thorne	• South Canterbury	• Bridget Lester
• Tairāwhiti Gisborne	• Janine Brown	• West Coast	• Bridget Lester
• Taranaki	• Robyn Maxwell	• Southern	• Deborah Kay-Corkin
• Whanganui	• Nicola Metcalfe		

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the AIR or cutover, please email us on AIR.engagement@health.govt.nz.

Finally, we want to take a moment to acknowledge and send a thank you to all the teams who have supported this mahi, **you all are incredible**. We are excited to reach this milestone with you and continue to work together as we prepare for the cutover and beyond.

Ngā mihi