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Waitematā DHB celebrates a milestone moment in vaccination rollout

Emergency Department nurse Tegan Mayo was among the first Waitematā DHB first staff members to receive a dose of the Pfizer vaccine this week when new on-site healthcare worker vaccination clinics were set up at Waitakere and North Shore hospitals.

“The whole process was painless and I encourage everyone to get vaccinated when the opportunity arises,” says Tegan, who has worked at North Shore Hospital since her graduation two years ago.

“It was exciting and I was glad to be a part of history being made.”

Waitematā DHB has around 8600 employees and will officially launch its staff vaccination programme on Monday, 29 March - starting with 1820 higher-risk workers who are potentially at higher risk of contracting the virus through direct patient contact in the event of community transmission.

The DHB has trained a team of vaccinators to run in-house clinics that will be carefully managed through an online booking system - ensuring hospitals and services remain appropriately staffed at all times.

“This is an important milestone in protecting our community,” says Waitematā DHB CEO Dr Dale Bramley. “An incredible amount of work has gone on to get these clinics up and running and the vaccination of our staff will provide yet another layer of protection for all those who use and visit our facilities.”

The vaccination of DHB staff aligns with the Government’s national vaccine rollout plan, which started with border and managed isolation and quarantine workers in February.

The plan provides for the vaccination of New Zealand’s most-vulnerable populations from May onwards before turning to the remainder of the population from July.

Caption: Making history: Emergency Department nurse Tegan Mayo, right, with vaccinator Georgina Gymer at North Shore Hospital.

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