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SECOND BOOSTER VACCINATION APPROVED FOR ELIGIBLE POPULATION

Government of Niue Rollout Pfizer / BioNTech Vaccine

Alofi, Niue – 1 September 2022 – The Government of Niue today announced that it had approved the rollout of its Pfizer and BioNTech (Comirnaty) programme for second boosters for Niue’s eligible population.

The approval for Niue’s second booster rollout starting mid-September follows Niue’s Department of Health recommendations.

Minister of Social Services (Health), Hon. Sauni Tongatule says “that a second booster dose may be beneficial for those most at-risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and with a gap of six months from their last booster. The vast majority of Niueans became eligible in July 2022.”

Since COVID-19 was first detected at the border in March, Niue has had a programme framework to contain a COVID-19 outbreak. This would not have been possible if everyone wasn’t working together, and this strategy is currently performing well for Niue to minimise COVID in the community.

Minister Tongatule further adds that “Based on current advice from Niue’s Health Department, for those who are not at risk of severe illness from COVID-19, a two-dose primary course and a booster dose provides excellent and lasting protection, which is why this second booster is voluntary and targeted at those 50 years and older including healthcare workers”.

Prioritisation for the 2nd Boosters is also for vulnerable populations and healthcare workers because of the nature of their profession.

The Niue Health Department continues to work closely with the New Zealand government and Health authorities and will review new information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines.

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