

# Guidelines for post-vaccination wait time

Standard post-vaccination wait time is 15 minutes across all vaccines in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This applies to **all age groups** and **all vaccines**, whether given alone or at the same time as other vaccines.

Wait times can be increased on an individual basis as deemed appropriate by the vaccinator OR reduced to 5 minutes, when the criteria below are met.

## REDUCED POST-VACCINATION WAIT TIME FLOW CHART

**Consider a reduced wait-time for any individual who meets the following criteria:**

- Do not have a history of severe allergic reactions
- Have been assessed for any immediate post-vaccination adverse reactions (5 minutes)
- Know when and how to seek post-vaccination advice
- Will have an adolescent or adult with them for the first 15 minutes post-vaccination
- Will not drive, skate, scoot, ride a bike or operate machinery until 15 minutes post-vaccination
- Have the ability to contact emergency services if required



**Individual meets ALL of the above criteria?**

**YES**

5-minute wait time can be offered

**NO**

Standard 15-minute wait time.  
Wait time can be extended beyond 15 minutes if deemed appropriate by the vaccinator

**REMINDER: All consumers must be advised on the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and know when and how to contact emergency services if required**