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New Zealand launches COVID-19 vaccine strategy

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The COVID-19 vaccine strategy sets out the Government's mission to ensure that New Zealand has access to a safe and effective vaccine as early as possible.

The Government today announced \$37 million for a COVID-19 vaccine strategy. The strategy aims to secure a vaccine – safe, effective and in sufficient quantities – at the earliest possible time. It will ensure New Zealand has detailed knowledge of key international research efforts and an ability to assess promising vaccine candidates as they emerge.

New Zealand's efforts will be part of a global coalition led by the EU whereby countries are cooperating to find a vaccine as quickly as possible.

A task force has been set up to oversee implementation of the strategy. The task force consists of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry of Health and its regulatory and purchasing agencies Medsafe and Pharmac, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Independent science and technical advisors will also support the task force with expert advice.

More information is available on our [COVID-19 vaccine strategy web page \(/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/international-opportunities/covid-19-vaccine-strategy/\)](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/international-opportunities/covid-19-vaccine-strategy/).

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