

# Pharmacist Workforce Support

Kia ora koutou

We appreciate as our country moves through different pandemic levels again you will be experiencing workload pressures and difficulty sourcing additional pharmacist workforce.

Your professional bodies and the Ministry of Health are, and will be providing you, important information on any technical support or requirements to help meet your patients' needs and keep yourself safe. Council believes it is critical that you must be safe in order for the public to be safe. Council is again helping by supporting the return of pharmacists to meet specifically identified workforce needs.

## Expressions of Interest for Workforce Support

Council is wishing to collate a list of pharmacists (practising and non-practising) with extra capacity. You may be a pharmacist who:

- holds a practising certificate, or
- have held a practising certificate (within the past three years).

Please express your interest by emailing your details to [COVID-19pharmacycouncil@pharmacycouncil.org.nz](mailto:COVID-19pharmacycouncil@pharmacycouncil.org.nz), including the following:

- Your name
- Pharmacy Council registration number
- Mobile phone number
- Email address
- Dates available
- [District Health Board regions](#) that you are available to work in
- Whether you have any disclosures to submit to Council

If you have information to disclose, please make a disclosure via your online portal. You are not required to disclose information that the Pharmacy Council is already aware of.

During alert level 4 travel between regions is heavily restricted and pharmacists with health conditions must consider their own safety before expressing interest.

## Pharmacy Requesting Assistance

If you and/or the pharmacy you are working in need additional or relieving pharmacists, please contact (via your pharmacy manager / owner) your local DHB portfolio manager as soon as possible. Portfolio managers will collate responses and feedback to the Council.

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Once a pharmacist and requirement for a pharmacist are linked,  
a practising certificate may be issued.

If you know of any former pharmacists who may be available to assist,  
please suggest they make contact with the Council via this email address:

[COVID-19pharmacycouncil@pharmacycouncil.org.nz](mailto:COVID-19pharmacycouncil@pharmacycouncil.org.nz)

as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

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