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Why I will be vaccinated

- The known risks of COVID-19 and likelihood of experiencing them far outweigh the risks of the vaccine.
- By the time I get the vaccine it will have been administered to many, many millions of others around the world. Vaccines have already been given to 360 million people. 2.7 million people have died from COVID-19. There have been minimal deaths with proven causal links to the vaccines.
- On the basis NZ is unlikely to achieve herd immunity, once the borders open COVID-19 will be in our community. The risk of getting COVID-19 will be significant if I am not vaccinated.
- I do not want to be responsible for giving COVID-19 to anyone else, and particularly those who cannot be vaccinated, i.e. a child or the 5% that the vaccine does not work for.
- While the speed of developing the vaccine has been unprecedented this is not because there has been inadequate development or testing. It is because there was unprecedented co-operation between countries and scientists, significant investment, and the vaccines were under development before COVID-19 because of the SARS and MERS epidemics.
- No amount of google research I do will match the expertise, qualifications and experience of actual scientists. I'm happy to be guided by the science.
- The vaccine is not a small dose of COVID-19 – that isn't how it works.
- I want to be able to travel overseas.

