



## **Ministry of Health Rural Cohort Manager COVID-19 Vaccine & Immunisation Programme (Fixed term, 0.6 FTE negotiable)**

Through discussions with the Ministry of Health, we have negotiated an exciting opportunity to help drive a rural perspective into the planning, design and roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to rural communities.

Between now and the end of July, the Ministry's Covid-19 Vaccine and Immunisation Programme Team (CVIP) will be designing and implementing a staged vaccination programme across New Zealand. It is recognised that rural communities have unique challenges and needs, and as such require specialist advice in ensuring that the systems are designed to meet those needs.

The NZ Rural General Practice Network (The Network) is working with the Ministry to identify a person that will be able to fulfil this requirement.

The Rural Cohort Manager will be responsible for assisting with the identification of appropriate delivery models and any variations required. The position will also support engagement with DHBs, PHOs and national bodies and provide advice to implementing partners where needed.

There is some flexibility within this role but as a starting point applicants should:

- Have a clinical background with experience in rural settings
- Have a good understanding of the needs of rural Māori communities
- Be well supported by the sector so able to plug into established networks
- Be available at least 0.6 FTE
- Be in, or be able to travel to, Wellington to work out of the MoH
- Be available to travel to different areas of New Zealand to support providers

Note: travel and accommodation to/from Wellington will be paid by the Ministry.

This position can be employed by the Ministry through secondment from an existing role, or by fixed term contract.

This position provides an opportunity for someone looking to develop leadership skills and gain experience working at a national level while contributing significantly to the well-being of rural communities.

The position is available immediately.

Please provide expressions of interest with cover letter, CV and availability to:

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