

Memo

Recommended items to be held in the National Reserve Supply

Date: 11 April 2024

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For your: Action

Purpose of report

- 1 The National Reserve Supply Technical Advisory Group (NRS TAG) has conducted a review of the National Reserve Supply (NRS).
- 2 This memo outlines the items and quantity of each item that the NRS TAG recommends should be held in the NRS.

Background and context

- 3 Following the health system reform on 1 July 2022, the Ministry of Health retained responsibility for setting the NRS policy direction, including composition. The NRS supply chain functions, including the procurement and storage, were transferred to Health New Zealand.
- 4 Health New Zealand has requested an official summary of the recommendations for their Procurement and Supply Chain Team to maintain the recommended supply levels.

Composition of the National Reserve Supply

- 5 The NRS TAG has reached agreement on the recommended personal protective equipment and associated consumables items to respond to an infectious disease outbreak, including outbreaks from highly infectious pathogens of concern such as Ebola.

- 6 The NRS TAG recommend holding 12 weeks supply at high pandemic usage using the highest 12-week period for each product group between January 2022 to May 2022. This period covers the first Omicron wave which resulted in the highest dispatch levels during the pandemic.
- 7 The NRS TAG has also considered any additional requirements in order to respond to a wider range of hazards, eg, mass burns event.
- 8 The table attached to the letter to Health New Zealand summarises the items and quantities recommended to be held in the NRS. These items should enable a health response to a prolonged or large emergency that may generate unusual demands on normal health service stocks or supply chains.
- 9 Health New Zealand already hold sufficient quantities of most of the recommended items. Where possible, the Procurement and Supply Chain in Health New Zealand team will rotate items through normal usage to avoid wastage.

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Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

1.	approve	the composition and quantity of items to be held in the NRS.	<u>Yes</u> /No
2.	note	that the NRS TAG included representatives from Health New Zealand.	Noted ✓
3.	note	that the attached letter, noting your approval, will be sent to Health New Zealand, outlining the agreed composition of the NRS.	Noted ✓

Signature

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Director-General of Health

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