

**Subject:** OIA 2026/02 – List of active pandemic management publications as at 1 January 2020 and 1 January 2026

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Kia ora,

**OIA 2026/02 – List of active pandemic management publications as at 1 January 2020 and 1 January 2026**

We are currently preparing the third edition of [COVID-19 Nation Dates](#).

Q1: Please provide a list of all Ministry of Health pandemic-management publications in effect as of 1 January 2026?

Q2: Please provide a list of all other Ministry of Health pandemic-management publications that were in effect as at 1 January 2020? You might find our tentative list from our second edition useful, see below.

We would appreciate a quick response if possible.

Many thanks,

Wendy

PS. See an image of the table from the second edition of *COVID-19 Nation Dates* as an example below.

Date	Title	Summary
2 Jun 2006	National Laboratory Guidelines for Pandemic Influenza	The National Laboratory Guidelines for Pandemic Influenza were compiled in consultation with members of the New Zealand Virology Laboratory Network. They are intended for use by health professionals and laboratory staff to ensure safe handling and collection of human specimens for diagnosis of influenza with pandemic potential.
2 Jul 2008	Guidelines for Public Health Services on Cluster Control for Pandemic Influenza	These guidelines describe the public health interventions that may be used by Public Health Units in the cluster control phase of pandemic influenza.
2 Sep 2011	NHEP: Mass Casualty Action Plan	The National Health Emergency Plan (NHEP): Mass Casualty Action Plan provides strategic direction and co-ordination to the health sector in the event of an incident resulting in a large number of casualties. The purpose of the Plan is to provide national direction on the management of a mass casualty incident, when the impact of the incident has the potential to overwhelm parts of the health sector.
5 Dec 2013	NHEP: National Reserve Supplies Management and Usage Policies, 3rd edition	This document describes policy for the management and use of national reserve supplies, and details the principal responsibilities of MOH and district health boards in managing and using these significant national resources.
5 Dec 2013	NHEP: HSN1 Pre-Pandemic Vaccine Usage Policy	This document provides some details about New Zealand's HSN1 pre-pandemic vaccine supplies, and outlines policies for the use of the vaccine.
15 Oct 2015	NHEP: A framework for the health and disability sector	The National Health Emergency Plan is a key emergency management document for the health and disability sector. See excerpt in Figure A2.1 opposite.

Date	Title	Summary
20 Jun 2017	Composition of the national reserve supply	National reserve supplies are designed to ensure that critical health services and supplies are available during large or prolonged emergencies that generate unusual demands on normal health service stocks or supply chains. The composition is updated in an ad hoc manner; (see Chapter 3). This document relates to the National Health Emergency Plan: National Reserve Supplies Management and Usage Policies, 3rd edition.
4 Aug 2017	The New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Plan: A framework for action (2017)	The <i>New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Plan: A framework for action (2017)</i> (IPP) sets out the all-of-government measures to be taken to prepare for and respond to an influenza pandemic. The IPP updates the earlier <i>New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Action Plan (2010)</i> (NZIPAP). The first plan was called the <i>New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Action Plan (2002)</i> . Previous plans existed, such as New Zealand's <i>Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan</i> .

**Notes to Table A2.3(a)**

1. The date listed is the date of publication (as specified by MOH) and may vary from the date on the document.
2. This table is not to be relied on as an exhaustive list of all epidemic- and pandemic-related publications by the Ministry of Health.

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