

# LONG COVID SUPPORT AOTEAROA ASKS:

- MoH criteria for long covid diagnosis and supporting documentation/resources for General Practitioners in their evaluation of potential long covid patients
- Referral criteria for specialist care and clear support pathways
- Supporting guidelines, educational materials, and resources for specialist care givers (e.g. cardiologists, pulmonologists, etc) in the management of long covid conditions
- Commitment to start planning for and answering questions regarding the long-term care and support of long covid patients including but not limited to: work-safe policies, extended leave of absence for covid related illness, workplace accommodations, income support, and physical in-home care, sick leave
- Clear comms across all departments – Ministry of Education, Social Development, Disability, WINZ, ACC, MBIE and to business re workplace policies
- Commitment to start establishing the pipeline of patients from GP to specialist care including the establishment of localised experts in the field and/or clinics
- Establishment of Long Covid “clinics” on a needs-based assessment (rather than the triage-based approach being trialled in the UK)
- Funding for research being conducted in New Zealand regarding long covid as the studies being undertaken here are unique in the patient profiles, history, and demographics
- Support group admin resources