



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Implementation of COVID-19 Pfizer Paediatric Vaccine for Children Aged 5 to 11 Years: Report Back

Portfolio COVID-19 Response

On 16 March 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in December 2021, Cabinet agreed to the use of Pfizer Paediatric Vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years and noted that the Ministry of Health would report back on children's access to activities and public places during the pandemic and on disclosure/use of immunisation records, certificates or passports for children [CAB-21-MIN-0557];
- 2 **noted** that children's access to education services is protected, regardless of vaccination status, however some schools have requested vaccination information to support risk assessment and health and safety decisions;
- 3 **noted** that while children aged under 12 years are not required to demonstrate their vaccination status under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), their access to some services may be impacted by their caregiver's vaccination status where they need to be supervised;
- 4 **noted** that older children's access to public services has been impacted by the CPF, which will be considered as part of a review of My Vaccine Pass (MVP) and the CPF across all age groups;
- 5 **noted** that work is underway to improve children's access to vaccination records and International Travel Vaccination Certificates;
- 6 **noted** that work is underway on the future use of MVP, including consideration of expiry dates and use of boosters;
- 7 **directed** officials to continue to monitor the impact of the paediatric programme as part of their wider consideration of the CPF, continue to review their communications and guidelines across different settings, and report back to Vaccine Ministers if any particular issues arise.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Attendance (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Officials Committee for SWC

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