



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Decision to Use the COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine for Children Aged 12 to 15 Years

Portfolio COVID-19 Response

On 16 August 2021, the Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that Medsafe has given provisional consent for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to include children aged 12 to 15 years;
- 2 **agreed** to extend the use of the Pfizer vaccine in the Immunisation Programme to children aged 12 to 15 years from September 2021;
- 3 **noted** that Vaccine Ministers will provide final agreement to the implementation approach prior to opening up invitations for children aged 12 to 15 years;
- 4 **noted** that it is proposed that a whanau/family together approach be taken to the rollout of the vaccine to children aged 12 to 15 years;
- 5 **6(b)(i)** [Redacted]
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- 7 **noted** that officials will report back to Cabinet on 23 August 2021 with advice on providing the Pfizer vaccine to the Pacific for children aged 12 to 17 years and to pregnant women later in 2021 once there is more certainty of domestic supply.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet