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OIA: 1340831 – Ministry of Education guidance to schools regarding the COVID-19 Vaccinations Order 2021.

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting:

The full text of any Ministry of Education guidance (including bulletins) to schools over the period of March 2020 to March 2022 regarding the implementation of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, specifically in relation to the requirement that “affected persons” be vaccinated.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please note that we have interpreted your request to be for guidance shared with all schools, either through the School Leaders Bulletin or on the Ministry website.

We have identified 38 School Leader Bulletins that refer to the implementation of the vaccination order, sent to the sector between 11 October 2021, the date on which the Cabinet decision regarding mandatory vaccination for school and early learning staff was shared, and the end of March 2022. These have been compiled in **Appendix A (Parts 1 – 4)**. See the **Appendix A Document Table** below for the list of School Bulletins included.

We also identified a number of documents that are linked to in the Bulletins that may be of interest. These are compiled in **Appendix B**:

- **Document 1:** Template letter for schools and kura to send to staff (shared in the School Bulletin 28 October 2021).
- **Document 2:** Schools and Kura Vaccination Order processes (shared in the School Bulletin 8 November 2021).
- **Document 3:** Letter template provided to schools to support them with clarifying staff's vaccination status (shared in the School Bulletin 10 November 2021).
- **Document 4:** Guidance for schools and kura on conducting a risk assessment with an exempted employee (shared in the School Bulletin 10 November 2021).



We have also identified a number of webpages, now archived, in scope of your request. These have been compiled in **Appendix C** as follows:

- COVID-19 Required Vaccinations Order
- Medical Exemptions for Vaccinations
- Health and Safety Assessment for Mandator Vaccination Requirements
- Managing employment processes after 15 November 2021
- Managing implications for staff impacted by the vaccination requirement.
- COVID-19 Protection Framework advice for schools and kura
- Removal vaccine mandates – Further information and FAQs (dated post 4 April 2022, but included for your information).

As these are archived web pages, the links are not live. Please advise us if there is a specific page you see linked that you are interested in and we have not provided.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S Ramirez', with a small blue dot above the 'i'.

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Appendix A Document Table

Part 1

#	Bulletin Date
1	Bulletin 11 October 2021
2	Bulletin 12 October 2021
3	Bulletin 13 October 2021
4	Bulletin 14 October 2021
5	Bulletin 15 October 2021
6	Bulletin 20 October 2021
7	Bulletin 21 October 2021
8	Bulletin 24 October 2021
9	Bulletin 27 October 2021

Part 2

#	Bulletin Date
10	Bulletin 28 October 2021
11	Bulletin 1 November 2021
12	Bulletin 2 November 2021
13	Bulletin 3 November 2021
14	Bulletin 5 November 2021
15	Bulletin 8 November 2021
16	Bulletin 10 November 2021
17	Bulletin 11 November 2021
18	Bulletin 12 November 2021

Part 3

#	Bulletin Date
19	Bulletin 16 November 2021
20	Bulletin 18 November 2021
21	Bulletin 19 November 2021
22	Bulletin 26 November 2021
23	Bulletin 29 November 2021
24	Bulletin 2 December 2021
25	Bulletin 7 December 2021
26	Bulletin 9 December 2021
27	Bulletin 25 January 2022
28	Bulletin 27 January 2022

Part 4

#	Bulletin Date
29	Bulletin 1 February 2022
30	Bulletin 3 February 2022
31	Bulletin 8 February 2022
32	Bulletin 17 February 2022
33	Bulletin 24 February 2022
34	Bulletin 1 March 2022
35	Bulletin 15 March 2022
36	Bulletin 22 March 2022
37	Bulletin 23 March 2022
38	Bulletin 29 March 2022