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**DECISION 01. COVID-19 VACCINATION COVERAGE TARGETS TOWARDS  
OPENING OF BORDERS TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS**

I, Mr Silas Bule Melve, Minister of Health, by virtue of the Public Health Act [Cap. 234] and amendments thereof, and all other enabling powers, hereby confirm the following decision:

1. Re-opening of borders to international travellers will be contingent on reaching COVID-19 vaccine coverage of both:
  - a. 90% of adults in all provinces of Vanuatu with at least one dose, and
  - b. 70% of adults in all provinces of Vanuatu with all recommended doses (which is currently 2 doses for AstraZeneca and Sinopharm).
2. Re-opening of borders to international travellers will also be contingent on reaching a level of health system readiness as deemed appropriate by the Ministry of Health.
3. A tentative date of 20 March 2022 was previously defined for border re-opening. However, the date will be determined based on the above conditions being fulfilled along with other necessary preparations indicated by the Health Emergency Advisory Committee, and at the discretion of the Minister of Health.

This Decision comes into effect on 1 February 2022 and shall remain valid during the period of the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, or as amended in writing by the Minister of Health or the Health Emergency Advisory Committee. This decision replaces any other previous decision or decisions by the same authority regarding the same topic.

Signed

Dated



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Honourable Silas Bule Melve  
Minister of Health

14 February 2022  
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