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**DECISION 05. REQUIREMENT FOR FULL VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19  
FOR ALL CIVIL SERVANTS, HEALTHCARE AND FRONTLINE WORKERS**

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. The following groups of people are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19:
  - a. All civil servants, as employed by the Public Service Commission, including staff, interns and consultants;
  - b. All other health workers and healthcare or allied health professionals;
  - c. All other persons who support inbound travel and/or quarantine operations including for services associated with border, customs, biosecurity, public land transport drivers, security and other quarantine facility workers; and
  - d. All other persons identified by the Ministry of Health as being at high risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 by nature of their employment.
2. A person is considered fully vaccinated after receiving the final dose of a primary series of a WHO EUL vaccine against COVID-19 and after a period has elapsed of either:
  - a. 14 days if receiving a vaccine product with two recommended doses; or
  - b. 28 days if receiving a vaccine product with one recommended dose.
3. Booster doses shall be made available to the groups as mentioned in (1) at a minimum 5 months after receiving their final dose of a primary vaccine series.
4. Some persons in exceptional circumstances may be exempt from the requirement as outlined in (1). Review and approval of requests for exemption will be made on a case-by-

case basis, at the discretion of the Director of Public Health or the Health Emergency Advisory Committee.

This Decision comes into effect on 5 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**



14 February 2022

Honourable Silas Bule Melé  
Minister of Health