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DIRECTIVE

TO: Chairman, FSM National Emergency Task Force  
FSM Social Security Administration

FROM: The President

SUBJECT: Extension of timelines for vaccination of Social Security beneficiaries


With respect to the implementation of the Decree on mandatory vaccination requiring those receiving Social Security checks to provide documentation of their completed vaccination status, I am directing to extend the full implementation of this mandatory requirement to September 30, 2021, in order to give time to our elderly citizens to complete their vaccination in a more comfortable and achievable timeline.

Through this directive, the vaccination efforts covering in particular the vulnerable elderly population must continue to intensify until our nationwide goal of herd immunity is met that will allow us to achieve the status of a COVID-protected Nation. The Administrator of the FSM Social Security Administration shall provide to the Chairman of the FSM National Emergency Task Force a list of Social Security beneficiaries for the special purpose of verifying their COVID-19 vaccination coverage pursuant to the vaccination protocols of the Task Force, including special exemption from the vaccination for those people with rare medical condition upon being assessed by a qualified medical doctor.

It is my intention that during the extension period set out in this directive, the National Emergency Task Force, in collaboration and with the cooperation of the States Task Forces, shall continue to conduct vaccination campaigns in the communities, residencies and on the neighboring and outer islands. The vaccination campaigns must be supported by timely, transparent and accurate information regarding the efficacy and the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccines through radio messages, the social media and other means of communication.

The Chairman of the National Emergency Task Force shall provide timely reports and update to the President regarding the vaccination campaigns. Bi-weekly updates will be provided to the public. This directive will be subject to review in due course.

SO ORDERED.

  
David W. Panuelo  
President

Date: 8/18/21

CC: All Cabinet Members