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Following the promulgation of the COVID-19 (Restriction of Access to Specified Institutions) Regulations 2021, the Ministry of Health and Wellness wishes to draw the attention of non-vaccinated personnel engaged in the Health, Educational and Early childhood sectors of the following measures:

- As from Friday 4th June 2021 and until further notice, personnel of the above mentioned sectors, who believe they cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, by reason of the contraindications mentioned below, are invited to be medically examined by a Panel of 2 Government Medical Officers, already set up at the 5 Regional Hospitals of the island.

- This panel is the sole body entitled to emit duly certified documented medical certificates stating that a person cannot be vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine.

- The Medical Panels will be operational in the following alphabetical order:
  - Names starting with letters A to F: Mondays and Tuesdays (12 00 - 15 00 Hours)
  - Names starting with letters G to N: Wednesdays and Thursdays (12 00 – 15 00 Hours)
  - Names starting with letters O to Z: Fridays (12 00 – 15 00 Hours) and Saturdays (09 00 – 12 00 Hours)

- Formal contraindications for COVID-19 vaccination are:
  - **Absolute contraindications:**
    - History of severe anaphylactic shock to any allergen
    - History of Angioedema (Oedème de Quincke) with any allergen
    - History of severe reactions to any vaccine
  - **Relative and temporary contraindications:**
    - Pregnancy

- All personnel concerned are invited to produce medical evidence related to the above mentioned contraindications, if any, along with their National Identity Card.

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