
Advisory Committee on the Health Emergency Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) for People with Disability

Meeting 8 March 2022 – Summary of Outcomes

The Department presented data on COVID-19 vaccination rates for people with disability by:

- jurisdiction
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Local Government Area (LGA), focusing on areas where vaccination rates are lagging the general population, and
- disability type.

The Committee raised concerns about vaccination rates among disability support pension recipients and National Disability Insurance Scheme participants aged 5-11. Committee members requested further breakdown of the data presented by:

- age
- gender
- residential setting, and
- overlap between National Disability Insurance Scheme participants and disability support pension.

The Department provided an update on communications covering:

- the development of a communications strategy in consultation with the Committee's communications working group
- priorities throughout March
- the initial consultation phase for disability awareness video series, and
- a recent meeting on communications with the Disability Discrimination Commissioner.

The Committee also discussed a project to capture the lessons learned by the Committee throughout the pandemic. The Committee was asked to provide feedback on a document outlining the proposed scope of that project by Friday 11 March.

NEXT STEPS

The Department's Health and Economics Research Division will meet with the Committee's data working group and other Commonwealth agencies to discuss:

- what further data on vaccination rates among people with disability could be provided to the Committee
- the way the Department could present vaccination data publicly, and
- further data linkage opportunities.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for 15 March 2022.