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First Minister,

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport,

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*Re-issued with updated emails for the Cabinet Secretary and DFM.*

### **SG Covid-19 Advisory Group**

The SG Covid-19 Advisory Group met yesterday. In its state of the pandemic update the group discussed the emerging data on the Delta variant including material from SAGE 92.

- There was consensus in the group that we are now in a third wave of the pandemic, though there is considerable uncertainty about the impact on hospitalisations and deaths of the Delta variant.
- The group noted that the consensus from SAGE was that a delay of further easings in England reduces the total number of hospital admissions and deaths that occur over the duration of the wave, by allowing more people to be protected by vaccination before transmission increases further. It is important to recognise that these would be COVID-19 admissions and deaths avoided rather than simply delayed.
- We cannot know the trajectory we are on until more data on the transmission of the delta variant and severity hospital outcomes is available.

The group also received an update on the work of the education subgroup. A priority for the schools subgroup is to consider current guidance on tracing and isolation for children, how the wider harms of these impact on children and whether to recommend changes for the new school year. The education subgroup will be discussing this in detail at its next meeting on 15 June.

### **Latest Advice**

The group has been commissioned to provide advice on certification. This will be circulated to CMO and relevant Ministers in the coming days.

The next scheduled meeting of the group is 24 June.

Kind regards,

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