

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry COVID-19 update

1 October 2021

Vaccination requirements now in place

To be eligible for a Specified Worker (Multiple Use) Permit, freight workers entering Victoria from red or extreme risk zones require evidence of one of the following:

- at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- having booked in to receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before 11.59pm on 7 October 2021
- a medical exemption evidenced by a medical practitioner.

From 11:59pm on 7 October, all freight workers entering Victoria from red or extreme risk zones will need to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (or have a medical exemption evidenced by a medical practitioner).

Note that anyone who applied for a Specified Worker (Multiple Use) Permit before 11.59pm, 23 September will need to apply for a new permit.

You can read the requirements for vaccination on [Victoria's Coronavirus website](#).

Chief Health Officer Directions

Directions pertinent to freight workers travelling interstate have recently been updated:

- [Victorian Border Crossing Permit Directions \(No. 32\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions \(No.4\)](#)

All the updated directions can be accessed on the [Department of Health website](#).

Reminder: accessing priority vaccinations

Freight workers with Specified Worker (Multiple Entry) Permits can access priority bookings for COVID-19 vaccinations at state vaccination centres. They must book by calling 1800 675 398 and identify that they are a commercial freight worker for priority booking. When booking your second vaccination, you will need to allow for the recommended time between vaccinations.

Permit holders that have been to an extreme risk/red zones in the past 14 days must book into a **red zone clinic** for their vaccination.

Red zone clinics are located at:

- Melbourne Showgrounds
- Sunshine
- Sandown Racecourse
- Ford Campbellfield
- Wangaratta
- Wodonga

Other states implementing vaccination requirements

South Australia



Department
of Transport

From 7 October, commercial transport and freight workers arriving by road from the ACT, NSW and Victoria will require at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine to be permitted to enter South Australia. For more information visit the [Government of South Australia's essential travellers](#).

Western Australia

From 24 October, transport, freight and logistics workers travelling from or through high or extreme risk jurisdictions will require at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine to enter Western Australia. For more information see [Government of Western Australia's media statement](#).

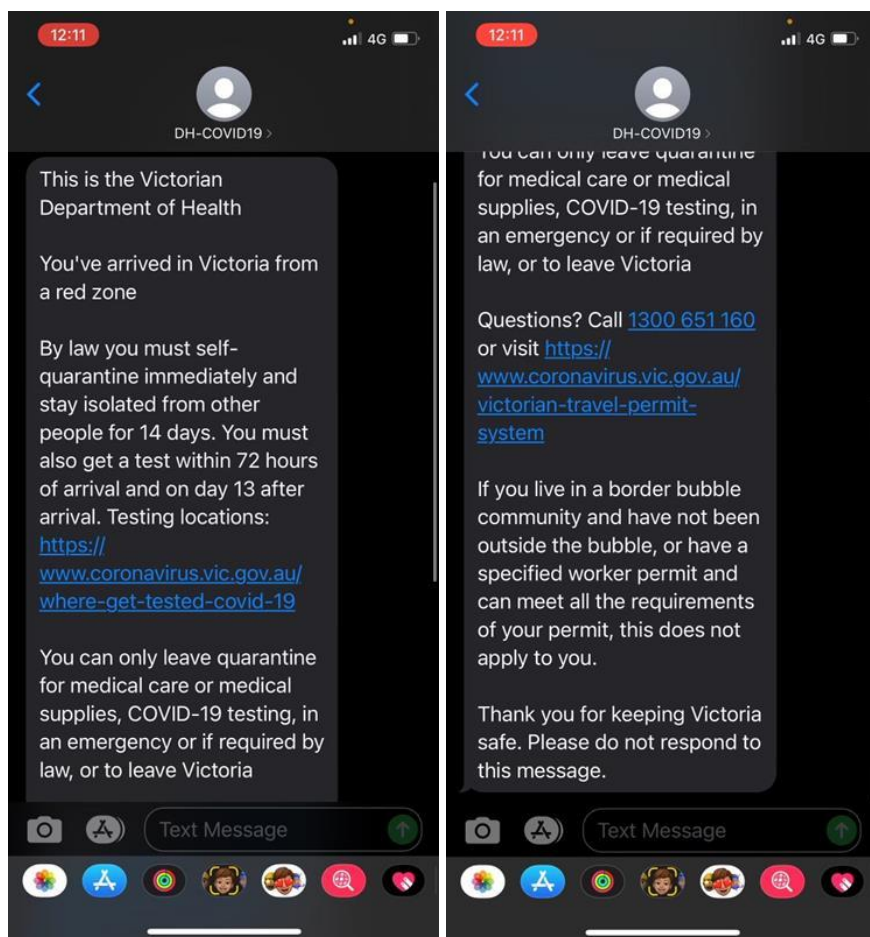
Queensland

From 15 October, all truck drivers entering Queensland, along with those entering on a freight pass, must have at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. For more information see [Queensland Government's media statement](#).

Freight workers receiving quarantine texts

Some freight workers may receive texts from the Department of Health when they enter Victoria from a red zone. If you look at the second last paragraph of the text you will see that the message does not apply to people working under a specified worker permit.

If freight workers receive phone calls or visits from Health authorities, they should say they are a commercial freight worker with a Specified Worker (Multiple Entry) Permit, providing relevant evidence if required.



Construction site delivery worker vaccination requirements

Victorian construction site operators must ensure that all workers entering a construction site have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have made a booking to receive a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Saturday 2 October 2021. This includes delivery workers who attend on site.

Site operators will request evidence of a worker's COVID-19 vaccination status. For further information visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

What happens if you get a confirmed COVID-19 case?

As COVID-19 cases increase, it's important to understand the actions you should take when you have a confirmed case in your Victorian workplace.

Some of the key steps:

- Confirmed cases should isolate immediately – they'll get a follow up call from the Department of Health.
- Notify the Department of Health and let your workers know they should get tested if they show any symptoms.
- Complete and submit a workplace risk assessment and close contact information.

Having an up-to-date and well-communicated COVIDSafe plan will help manage the impact of a confirmed case.

For a detailed step-by-step process, including the documents you will be expected to complete if you have a confirmed case, visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

Upcoming works

Construction is underway to upgrade the Ouyen to Murrayville Line as part of the Murray Basin Rail Project.

From **Friday 15 October to Tuesday 19 October**, the Mallee Highway will be closed between McIntyre and Ouyen-Patchewollock roads in Ouyen to allow construction to take place.

Detours for vehicles will be in place via the Calder and Sunraysia highways and Hopetoun-Walpeup Road. There will also be a detour available to local traffic via Ouyen-Patchewollock Road.

Road users should allow extra travel time and follow traffic management signage.

For more information read the [Regional Rail Revival's works notice](#).