

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry COVID-19 update

14 October 2021

Worker mandatory vaccination – first dose or booking required by Friday

The [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(Workers\) Directions](#) apply to many workers (including those in the freight and logistics industry) who work, or are scheduled to work, outside of their home. All pertinent workers are listed in Schedule 1 of the Directions.

Workers are required to have provided their employer with evidence of at least a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine by 15 October or have a first dose booking before 22 October 2021. They must have their second dose by 26 November 2021.

Employer obligations:

- Employers need to sight a certificate of immunisation or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register (electronic evidence can be accessed through myGov/Medicare and the Service Victoria app) and record a worker's name, vaccination status, details of the individual who checked evidence of compliance, the date the evidence was recorded, and the nature of the evidence.
- If the worker is partially vaccinated, employers must record and hold appointment booking information that the worker is to receive second dose by 26 November 2021.
- If the worker is unvaccinated by the due dates or refuses to show evidence, the employer must treat them as unvaccinated. An employer must not permit an unvaccinated worker to work outside their home unless they have certification from a medical practitioner.

An Authorised Officer may request an employer to produce workforce vaccination-related information.

More information for employers and workers is available on the [Coronavirus website](#).

WorkSafe has also published information about [vaccination requirements in workplaces](#).

Construction site vaccination requirements

A reminder that delivery workers who attend construction sites are included in the vaccination requirements for those sites. These workers must have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine unless they have a medical exemption.

Site operators will request evidence of a worker's COVID-19 vaccination status. For further information visit the [Coronavirus website](#) or you can read the related [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(Specified Facilities\) Directions](#).

More vaccine choice available to those 60 and over

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are now available to people aged 60 years and over at state vaccination hubs in addition to AstraZeneca. Some GPs and pharmacies are also providing a broader range of vaccines.

Information on booking a vaccination is available on the [Coronavirus website](#).

COVID-19 vaccines – your questions answered

If you missed the recent Department of Health webinars on COVID-19 vaccines, you can access a recorded version featuring Professor Ben Cowie, Victoria's Deputy Chief Health Officer.

Topics covered include:



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- the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination
- update on the Victorian COVID-19 immunisation program
- the difference between COVID-19 vaccines
- safety and possible side effects
- common concerns or misconceptions.

View the recorded video at [COVID-19 Vaccines - Your Questions Answered - Prof Ben Cowie on Vimeo](#).

Changes to contact tracing management

On 8 October 2021, the Victorian Government made the following changes to contact tracing:

- Department of Health will focus on confirmed COVID-19 cases and primary close contacts
- Secondary close contacts don't have to quarantine and only require a test if they have symptoms
- Primary close contacts can leave quarantine when they receive their day 13 negative test result.

People who live in the same house as a primary close contact are typically not required to isolate unless they have symptoms. The primary close contact should quarantine away from other members of the household as much as possible.

Information on primary close contacts and secondary close contacts is available on the [Coronavirus website](#).

Safety at freight friendly testing sites

There have been some reports of freight drivers parking on the opposite side of the highway and then running across the highway to enter testing sites. If you could please avoid or discourage this practice. Department of Health teams are looking at ways to improve throughput at testing sites.