

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry COVID-19 update

5 October 2021

Mandatory vaccination for Victorian authorised workers

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) that anyone on the [authorised worker list](#) will require their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday 15 October 2021 in order to continue working onsite. They will need to be fully vaccinated by 26 November 2021. We will update you when the relevant Chief Health Officer Directions are released.

The authorised worker list includes the following workers relevant to freight and logistics:

- air transport (including the operation of airports)
- port operations
- freight services (including postal and courier services)
- a transport, freight or logistics driver
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator compliance activities
- truck stops and roadhouses, but not the provision of seated dining or shower facilities to persons who are not transport, freight or logistics drivers.
- domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services
- production and distribution

The mandatory vaccination requirements for authorised workers do not override vaccination timeframes for freight workers operating under a Specified Worker (Multiple Entry) Permit or delivery drivers entering construction sites.

Authorised worker vaccinations

To assist authorised workers getting vaccinated by 15 October, GPs and pharmacies will have additional capacity to extend their hours and staffing. There will also be a Moderna vaccination blitz till 10 October at the following sites:

- Melton Vaccination Hub (Bunnings)
- Sunshine Vaccination Hub
- Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
- Royal Exhibition Building
- Sandown Racecourse Vaccination Centre
- Frankston Community Vaccination Hub
- Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
- Dandenong Palm Plaza
- Former Ford Factor Campbellfield
- La Trobe University site in Bundoora
- St Francis Xavier College Officer Campus

Vaccination bookings are also available through state-run centres by visiting www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

Freight permit holders require first dose this week

To be eligible for a Specified Worker (Multiple Use) Permit, freight workers entering Victoria from red or extreme risk zones require evidence of one vaccine dose by 11.59pm Thursday, 7 October 2021 or a medical exemption. Before that time, the driver can show proof of a booking before the deadline.

You can read the requirements for vaccination on [Victoria's Coronavirus website](#). Permit holders can still receive priority vaccination bookings by calling 1800 675 398.

Construction sites set to re-open

Victorian construction sites will resume operation on 5 October. All workers must have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine unless they have a medical exemption. 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](#).

Dealing with a confirmed COVID-19 case

As COVID-19 cases increase, it's important to be prepared for a confirmed case in your Victorian workplace. Mitigate your business's coronavirus risk and impact with your COVIDSafe plan.

Knowing what is required when your business has a confirmed case or close contacts at work helps you to respond quickly. Some measures you should take in preparation:

- ensure you have up-to-date contact details for your employees so you can communicate quickly
- educate your freight and delivery drivers on COVID-19 safe practices by getting them to undertake [Freight Victoria's free online course](#)
- review your workforce bubbles to keep these as contained as possible, including to avoid any incidental contact in shared facilities such as lunchrooms and toilet facilities
- check that your Service Victorian QR codes apply to areas within your site, such as separating a warehouse from an office.

For a detailed step-by-step process of how to deal with a confirmed COVID-19 case, visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions

Updated Directions as at 11.59pm, 1 October 2021

- [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions \(No.5\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccinated Activities Directions \(No.2\)](#)
- [Restricted Activity Directions \(Regional Victoria\) \(No.12\)](#)
- [Restricted Activity Directions \(Restricted Areas\) \(No.19\)](#)
- [Stay at Home Directions \(Restricted Areas\) \(No.25\)](#)
- [Stay Safe Directions \(Regional Victoria\) \(No.11\)](#)
- [Workplace Directions \(No. 51\)](#)

Updated Directions as at 11.59pm, 4 October 2021

- [Workplace \(Additional Industry Obligations\) Directions \(No. 48\)](#)

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