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# Western Australia Public Health Orders Mandating COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace

## Employer Guidance

Helping employers navigate and understand the Western  
Australian COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions

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# Introduction

COVID-19 vaccination plays a vital role in protecting the health and wellbeing of people in Australia. Vaccination is both a means to manage and protect health systems from being overwhelmed and allow business to return to a state of normalcy.

On Wednesday 20 October 2021, the Western Australian Premier made announcements concerning mandatory vaccination for WA workforces. At the date of publication of the guide, Public Health Orders and Directions have yet to be issued (made into law) in relation to many of the industries and occupations covered by this policy.

Chief Health Office Directions (public health orders) have been issued in respect of directions impacting, aged care, health care, exposed port workers, onsite resources sector and the transport, freight and logistics industry. Further information on these mandates can be found in **Appendix A** of this guide.

It is businesses that will be responsible for gathering information to ensure mandates are complied with. They will also play a vital role in communicating those requirements to staff to ensure as many people as possible are vaccinated within the relevant timeframes.

**With the deadlines for vaccination looming, this guide aims to help you understand and digest your obligations in relation to current public health orders as well as the proactive steps you can take whilst waiting for the outstanding Directions to be issued.**

**CCIWA also has a COVID-19 Vaccination Guide for Businesses available [here](#).**

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## A. Summary of current Western Australia Public Health Orders Mandating the Vaccine

The WA Government has introduced a range of COVID-19 vaccination mandates through a number of differing Public Health Orders. Each of the public health orders operates differently and places differing obligations on employers, workers and site operators.

In addition, on 20 October 2021, WA Premier Mark McGowan announced that particular industries and occupations will be required to be vaccinated in order to continue working. It's important to note that the official mandates and public health orders stemming from this announcement have yet to be released.

A summary of the current Western Australian Public Health Orders relevant to vaccination mandates is outlined below. Once all of the Public Health Orders have been released, this guide will be updated with further detail.

### CURRENT COVID-19 MANDATORY VACCINATION DIRECTIONS

#### 1. Who do the current COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions apply to?

The Western Australian (WA) Government has issued mandatory vaccination directions which prevent workers in specified industries from entering a prescribed workplaces unless they have been appropriately vaccinated.

Directions are currently in place for the following sectors:

- Residential aged care
- Parts of public and private hospitals and health care facilities
- Exposed port workers
- Hotel and quarantine workers
- Onsite resources sector
- Interstate transport, freight and logistics workers.

The Government is still developing directions for:

- Group 1 industries and occupations - industries determined to have high transmission risk, vulnerability risk or are necessary or critical to the safety of the community;
- Group 2 industries and occupations - industries and workforce deemed critical to the ongoing delivery of critical services to the community;
- In event of lockdown.

**Appendix A** of this guide lists the dates by which workers must be vaccinated and provides a link to the directions that have been issued. Employers are encouraged to refer to the mandates for further information as to which workers are affected, their obligations and the exemptions that apply.

Directions may also be varied by the Government to reflect the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. Use this [link](#) to obtain a current copy of the directions that apply to your organisation.

## **2. Who is required to be vaccinated?**

Under the relevant directions, workers are required to be partially and fully vaccinated by the prescribed dates in order to enter a specified workplace or facility.

The relevant directions may also include specific information about which part of a workplace unvaccinated workers may enter. For example, under the Residential Aged Care directive an unvaccinated worker is allowed to access parts of the premises which is not being used as a residential aged care facility.

It is therefore important to consider the directions that apply to your organisation to assess which workers are required to be vaccinated.

## **3. Do worker's need to disclose their vaccine status?**

Any worker generally required to be vaccinated must provide proof of their vaccination status when required to do so by their employer or the owner/occupier/person in charge of the relevant facility.

This information needs to be in accordance with the approved form of evidence, being either:

- Immunisation history statement; or
- a COVID-19 digital certificate.

## **4. What requirements are placed on the employer**

Directions generally impose an obligation on an employer and the owner/occupier/person in charge of the relevant facility to take all reasonable and lawful steps to collect and maintain a record of the vaccination status of relevant workers.

To comply with this requirement, employers will need to notify affected employees of their requirement to be vaccinated and direct employees to provide confirmation of their vaccination status.

In workplaces (such as construction sites) where workers are engaged by more than one employer, the entity in control of the site will need to work with other businesses to confirm the relevant information is available.

Employers need to be aware of their obligations under the relevant privacy legislation, ensure that this information is only used for the purpose of complying with the relevant direction and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent unauthorised access, misuse or loss of this information.

## **5. What is the penalty for failure to comply with the mandatory vaccination directions?**

Failure to comply with directions may result in penalties of up to **\$20,000** for individuals and **\$100,000** for body corporates.

## B. Communicating with Staff



The Western Australian Public Health Orders requiring the vaccination of workers in Group 1, Group 2 and in the event of lockdown have not yet been issued by the Western Australian Government. When communicating with your staff it is important that you recognise this and consider your approach to communication with this in mind.

Whilst the public health orders have not yet been issued, it is important as an employer that you take as many proactive steps as you can to communicate with you staff about the likelihood of the authorised worker vaccination requirement applying to them (if applicable). To assist with employers doing this, a **template letter** to communicate with employees who are likely to be covered by the Western Australian Governments changes soon to come into effect is set out on the next page.

It will be important that staff confirm their vaccination status with you before the prescribed cut of dates.

In addition, when communicating with staff about the COVID-19 vaccination it is important to be aware of the legal limitations that apply when communicating about vaccines set out below.

### **What about subcontractors, labour hire employees and workers employed by other organisations at my workplace?**

The directions issued in WA typically require the employer, owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of a workplace covered by a direction to:

- take all reasonable and lawful steps to collect and maintain a record of the vaccination status of each worker at the workplace; and
- on request, provide any such record to an emergency officer as soon as practicable after the request is made.

Where you have other workers in your workplace who are not direct employees, you will need to consider how this can be best achieved in consultation with the other relevant businesses.

Depending on the nature of your workplace, this may include:

- directly communicating with all workers at your workplace; or
- co-ordinating with other organisations to collect information relevant to their own workers and establish a mechanism for confirming that all relevant workers have been appropriately vaccinated.

## THE IMPORTANT LEGAL PROVISIONS YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN COMMUNICATING ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in recognition of the importance of responsible communication regarding the COVID-19 vaccination has given legal permission that allows businesses (and others) to communicate about vaccinations so long as that communication:

- ✓ Is consistent with current Commonwealth health messaging regarding the national COVID-19 vaccination program, including content found on the Australian Government Department of Health website; and
- ✗ Does not contain:
  - any reference to the trade name, sponsor name or active ingredient or any other information that would identify specific vaccine brands (e.g. Pfizer or AstraZeneca);
  - any statement, or implication comparing different COVID-19 vaccines (or comparing vaccines with treatments such as medicines);
  - statements to the effect that COVID-19 vaccines cannot cause harm or have no side effects; or
  - any statement regarding COVID-19 vaccines that is false or misleading.

It is also important to remember that obligations under other laws, such as the Australian Consumer Law which includes the obligation not to mislead, continue to apply when communicating about vaccines.



## TEMPLATE LETTER – GROUP 1, AND GROUP 2 MANDATORY VACCINATIONS

<Insert company letterhead>

<Insert Date>

### Private and confidential

<Insert employee's full name>

<Insert employee's address>

Dear <Employee>

### Public Health Orders - Mandatory Vaccinations

As you will likely be aware, the Premier announced that on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, certain occupations and industries, and those workers contained within these groups, will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccination in order to continue working.

The Public Health Order is yet to be released by the Western Australian Government, however, based on the current information provided it is believed that you may fall within one of the groups outlined by the Government.

The below table outlines the required dates for mandatory first and second vaccinations. Your employment appears to fall into <insert group>.

Group	First Vaccination Required By	Second Vaccination Required By
Group 1 Industries & Occupations	1 December 2021	31 December 2021
Group 2 Industries & Occupations	31 December 2021	31 January 2022

Whilst we are waiting for the official Directions from the Chief Health Officer, we want to take this opportunity to ensure you are aware of the requirement so, if you are not already vaccinated, you have time to make an appointment or attend a state-run vaccination hub.

In order to help ensure people can receive their vaccination in time, a number of additional vaccine hubs, including walk up clinics have been set up as well as expanding the GP and pharmacy network. More information is available at <https://rollup.wa.gov.au/>.

Where the mandatory vaccination order applies to your employment you are required to provide us with proof of you vaccination status in accordance with the following table.

Circumstances	Action
I am <b>fully vaccinated</b> (I have had two COVID-19 vaccinations)	Provide evidence that you have received a first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by <b>Insert Date</b>  This may be in the form of a COVID-19 digital certificate or Immunisation history statement.
I am <b>partially vaccinated</b>	Provide evidence that you have received the first COVID-19 vaccine <b>by Insert Date</b>  AND  Provide evidence that you have received the second COVID-19 vaccine by <b>Insert Date</b> .
I am <b>unvaccinated</b>	By <b>Insert Date</b> advise whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you intend to be vaccinated and confirm the date of your first vaccination appointment; or</li> <li>• you do not intend to be vaccinated</li> </ul>
I am <b>exempt</b> from having the COVID-19 vaccine	Provide evidence, to our satisfaction, from a medical practitioner confirming you are medically exempt from taking the vaccine by <b>Insert Date</b>

Please email confirmation of your vaccination status, with the relevant proof, to **<insert email address>**.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide further information when it is available.

Again, we wanted to take this opportunity to ensure you understood the requirement to vaccinate and had an opportunity to get vaccinated and/or obtain the evidence you may need. Where the mandate applies unvaccinated workers will be prohibited attending the workplace which may mean that you are not able to perform your role.

If you would like to discuss this letter or have any concerns, please contact **<insert contact name>** on **<insert contact details>**.

Yours sincerely,

**<Insert name>**

**<Insert position>**

## TEMPLATE LETTER – GROUP 3 - VACCINATIONS IN CASE OF LOCKDOWN

<Insert company letterhead>

<Insert Date>

### Private and confidential

<Insert employee's full name>

<Insert employee's address>

Dear <Employee>

### Public Health Orders - Mandatory Vaccinations

As you will likely be aware, the Premier announced that on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, certain occupations and industries, and those workers contained within these groups, will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccination in order to continue working or attend the workplace in the event of a lockdown.

The Public Health Order is yet to be released by the Western Australian Government, however, based on the current information provided it is believed that you may fall into Category 3, which requires staff to be fully vaccinated to attend work in the case of a future lockdown or similar restrictions.

Whilst we are waiting for the official Directions from the Chief Health Officer, we want to take this opportunity to ensure you are aware of the requirement so, if you are not already vaccinated, you have time to make an appointment or attend a state-run vaccination hub.

In order to help ensure people can receive their vaccination in time, a number of additional vaccine hubs, including walk up clinics have been set up as well as expanding the GP and pharmacy network. More information is available at <https://rollup.wa.gov.au/>.

Where the mandatory vaccination order applies to your employment you are required to provide us with information of your vaccination status in accordance with the following table, by <Insert Date>.

Circumstances	Action
I am <b>fully vaccinated</b> (I have had two COVID-19 vaccinations)	Provide evidence that you have received a first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.  This may be in the form of a COVID-19 digital certificate or Immunisation history statement.

Circumstances	Action
I am <b>partially vaccinated</b>	Provide evidence that you have received the first COVID-19 vaccine and details of the date of your second vaccination.  Once you have received your second dose, you must provide us with the required evidence.
I am <b>unvaccinated</b>	Advise whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you intend to be vaccinated and the date of your first vaccination appointment; or</li> <li>• you do not intend to be vaccinated.</li> </ul>
I am <b>exempt</b> from having the COVID-19 vaccine	Provide evidence, to our satisfaction, from a medical practitioner confirming you are medically exempt from taking the vaccine.

Please email confirmation of your vaccination status, with the relevant proof, to **<insert email address>**.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide further information when it is available.

Again, we wanted to take this opportunity to ensure you understood the requirement to vaccinate and had an opportunity to get vaccinated and/or obtain the evidence you may need. Where the mandate applies unvaccinated workers will be prohibited from attending the workplace during any lockdown or other similar restrictions.

If you would like to discuss this letter or have any concerns, please contact **<insert contact name>** on **<insert contact details>**.

Yours sincerely,

**<Insert name>**

**<Insert position>**

## C. Implementing Mandating Vaccinations in the Workplace under a Public Health Order

### EMPLOYER DIRECTIONS

#### 1. What directions does an employer need to provide to relevant workers?

To date, the mandatory vaccinations directions that have been issued in WA impose an obligation on the workers covered by the order from entering a particular work location unless they have been appropriately vaccinated.

However, in order to give effect to these requirements, employers will need to give a direction to all affected workers to provide information to confirm their vaccination status and, depending upon the information provided, impose further directions to ensure an unvaccinated worker does not breach these orders

#### 2. Will the directions apply to all my workers?

The scope of the mandatory vaccination directions are limited and may not cover all workers employed by your organisation. It is important to carefully consider the terms of the directions to identify which employees it applies to and when.

#### 3. Can I direct all my staff to get vaccinated?

The mandatory vaccination directions only apply to affected workers.

Whether an employer can direct staff not covered by a direction to be vaccinated will depend on whether:

- they have written permission to do so (such as under an employment contract or enterprise agreement which requires an employee to have the COVID-19 vaccination); or
- the direction to be vaccinated is considered a “lawful and reasonable direction”.

Before considering whether to require employees not directly covered by a direction to be vaccinated, we recommend that you seek legal advice by calling 1300 422 492 and asking to speak to one of our workplace relations lawyers.

## HEALTH OR MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Under the current public health orders there is already an existing provision for excepted persons who are unvaccinated on the basis of medical grounds. It is anticipated that the mandate on all authorised workers will also contain this exemption.

Where an employee seeks to be treated as an 'excepted person' under the public health order on medical grounds, the employee should provide appropriate medical evidence that they have obtained certification from a medical practitioner that they are unable, due to medical contraindication, to receive a dose or further doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Western Australia Government has released further information on the exemption process. In its guidance material, someone seeking a medical exemption must apply to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) using the [IM011 Form](#). This form must be completed on the person's behalf by a medical practitioner and submitted to the AIR for assessment.

A person may also apply for a temporary medical exemption from the WA Chief Health Officer. Any application and supporting documents should be directed to [COVIDVaccinationExemption@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:COVIDVaccinationExemption@health.wa.gov.au). It is notes that any temporary exemption will only be for a finite time and may contain certain terms and conditions.

## REFUSALS

### 1. Determine a process for managing refusals

Consider the likelihood of employees refusing vaccination and the process you will take to respond to this, e.g. including discrimination considerations and assessing the potential impact on an employee's ability to carry out the key requirements of their role.

In all communications regarding the vaccination policy, employers should also make sure to clearly outline any potential consequences of workers refusing to comply with the policy.

## D. Collecting information about an Employee's Vaccination Status

### ASKING EMPLOYEES ABOUT THEIR VACCINATION STATUS

#### 1. Can employers direct their employees to disclose their vaccination status?

In order to comply with the requirement to keep records of a worker's vaccination status, an employer needs to direct affected employees to provide information to confirm their vaccination status prior to the relevant cut off dates prescribed by the direction.

### COLLECTING INFORMATION ABOUT AN EMPLOYEE'S VACCINATION STATUS

#### 2. Obligations to keep records safe

The directions generally require that the employer must take reasonable steps to protect records of an employee's vaccination status safe from:

- misuse and loss; and
- unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

Consequently, these records need to be kept in a secure manner with access limited to only those who are necessary.

Disclosure of a worker's vaccination status is also limited to what is necessary to ensure compliance with these directions.

#### 3. Additional obligations under the Privacy Act

Vaccines and employee privacy is governed by the Privacy Act. The Privacy Act **applies** to businesses with an annual turnover of more than \$3 million, as well as to certain other types of businesses regardless of turnover (such as public sector agencies).

Where the Privacy Act applies, vaccination records are a type of medical record and constitute 'sensitive information' and therefore, are afforded a higher degree of protection under the Privacy Act, and there are stringent requirements relating to the collection and use of such information.

Under the Australia Privacy Principles, an employer is however authorised to collect an employee's vaccination record (without their express consent) where they are required to do so by law (such as under a public health order). This is currently the case in Western Australia under the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions and it is anticipated that it will also be the case under the new requirements.

Once an employee's vaccination record information is lawfully collected, the employee records exemption will apply in many instances. This means that the remainder of the Privacy Principles will not apply to the handling of the vaccination record information, once it has been collected and held in an employee record, where it is directly related to the employment relationship.

This **does not** however apply to prospective employees, contractors, sub-contractors and volunteers. Employers must comply with the remainder of the Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act when dealing with the personal information of these individuals ensuring that they:

- accurately record the information that they collect, keep it up-to-date and store it securely;
- limit the use and disclosure of employee vaccination status information to what is necessary to prevent and manage COVID-19. Employers should not disclose vaccination status among colleagues unless they have a legitimate and compelling reason to do so; and
- regularly review whether they still need to retain vaccine status information.

## E. Workplace Disputes regarding Vaccination

Employers should approach with caution disputes regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and should try to avoid ‘jumping the gun’, particularly on the issues covered below, as being too quick to take such action could (likely) mean a very costly personal grievance win for an employee in the Fair Work Commission.

### EMPLOYEE REFUSAL

#### 1. Managing employees subject to a Public Health Orders who refuse to be vaccinated or disclose their vaccination status

As a first step, if an employee refuses to be vaccinated or confirm their vaccination status employers should ask the employee to explain their reasons for refusing.

Some grounds for refusing the vaccination include:

- persons with a medical contraindication to vaccination (e.g. people with a history of severe allergic reactions, immunocompromised individuals, persons whose medical conditions mean that vaccination may be harmful for them);
- persons with a religious, political or conscientious objection; or
- refusal for no given reason – “I simply don’t want to”.

Whether a person’s refusal is based on legitimate grounds, or if reasonable accommodation should be made, will be based upon the individual employee’s circumstances, the nature of their employment, and any exemptions provided under applicable public health orders.

Where an employee disobeys a direction properly given under a public health order to be vaccinated without providing a legitimate reason, or without being subject to a recognised exception in the health order, then they may legitimately be the subject of disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Disciplinary action (particularly termination of employment) in such instances will in most instance be considered defensible.

However, this may not be the case where the requirement to be vaccinated only applies in the case of future



lockdowns, particularly where lockdowns are short in duration.

Where dismissal may be the outcome of a disciplinary process, it is vital the process is fair and reasonable affording the employee procedural fairness. A failure to do so may render the dismissal unfair despite having a valid reason.

## **2. Managing unvaccinated employees who are prohibited from attending workplace under Public Health Orders**

If an employee is required to be vaccinated under a Public Health Order in order to attend a worksite/workplace, but is not vaccinated by the required date (and is not exempt), two possible courses of action may arise:

- an employer can direct the employee to become vaccinated in order to work. Where the employee fails to comply with this lawful and reasonable direction, the employee can be disciplined or ultimately have their employment terminated if they are unable to work because they have failed to comply with the direction (see discussion at section F.1 above); or
- the employer may be able to withhold pay until the employee becomes vaccinated. This is because, as a result of their vaccination status, the employee cannot enter the work premises to commence work, there are therefore likely to be good grounds to withhold pay on the basis that the employee simply cannot present for work. If the employee cannot present for work, the obligation to pay does not ordinarily arise for most employers.

As circumstances in each workplace can differ significantly, employers are strongly advised to seek legal advice before taking either of these actions to ensure they are not exposed to costly and expensive employee workplace claims.



## F. Vaccinations and Employer Liability

### 1. Can employers be liable for any adverse reactions to the vaccine suffered by employees, when subject to a mandate to get vaccinated under a public health order?

The various COVID-19 vaccinations are not without some risk, and it is possible an employee may have an adverse reaction to receiving the vaccine, though extreme adverse reactions are rare.

Under WA Workers' Compensation legislation, a worker may be entitled to workers compensation if they sustain an injury due to the COVID-19 vaccine and **the injury occurred out of or in the course of the worker's employment.**

The vaccine may be considered to have occurred out of or in the course of employment if they work in an industry where an employer imposes the vaccine, and the employer has:

- recommended or organised the vaccination onsite or at another location; or
- subsidised the vaccination.

It is possible that the requirement to connect the COVID-19 vaccine injury or disease to the worker's employment would be satisfied where the vaccine is a mandatory requirement or condition of the worker's employment.

However, it is important to note that this is an unclear area of law, and it is not possible to provide definitive advice about the effect of mandatory vaccinations on an employer's liability to pay compensation for a COVID-19 vaccine related injury or disease. Employers are encouraged to seek legal advice in relation to any workers compensation laws that may arise from COVID-19 vaccinations.

## NO FAULT COVID-19 INDEMNITY SCHEME

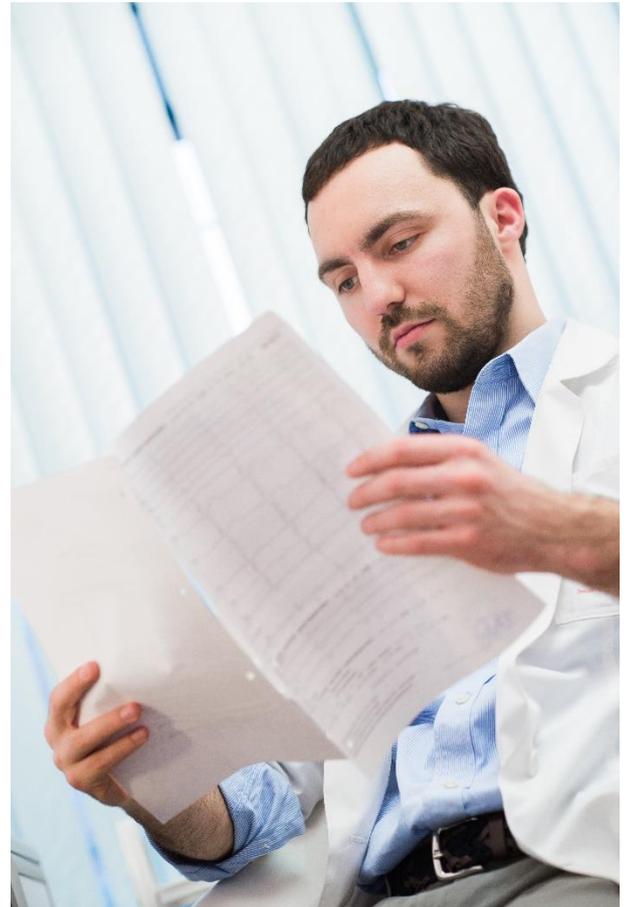
On 6 September, the Commonwealth Government introduced a No Fault COVID-19 Indemnity Scheme. Under the scheme, workers who suffer injury or loss of income due to the administration of a COVID-19 Vaccine or due to an adverse event that is considered to be caused by a COVID-19 Vaccine, will be able to register their intent to claim from the scheme.

The scheme will cover the costs of injuries above \$5,000 due to a proven adverse reaction to a COVID-19 Vaccine. The TGA will provide guidance on recognised adverse reactions as part of their established surveillance program, and claims will be assessed by independent experts, with compensation paid based on their recommendations.

The scheme will be backdated to 22 February 2021 and will be administered by Services Australia.

Whilst potential claimants who access the scheme will still have the option of pursuing action through a court judgement if that is their preference, the scheme reduces the commercial risk involved with mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations in the workplace, particularly as a result of public health orders.

This scheme is intended to reduce the risk of workers' compensation claims in the event of an adverse reaction.



# Who and where to contact for further assistance?

## KEY CONTACTS

Have a question or situation that isn't covered by this guide? CCIWA is here to help and answer any questions you might have.

For general information contact our Employee Relations Advice Centre on 9365 7660.

For legal advice contact our workplace relations lawyers on 1300 422 492.

## KEY RESOURCES

The following are links to government websites and other key information on the mandatory vaccine, public health orders and COVID-19.

**Public Health Orders/Directions:**  
[Publications](#)

**WorkCover WA:** [COVID-19 Information](#)

**Department of Health -** [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ's](#)

**Work Safe WA -** [COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)

**CCIWA -** [Responding to COVID-19](#)

**Fair Work Ombudsman -** [Coronavirus and Australian workplace law](#)

**Therapeutic Goods Administration -**  
[COVID-19 vaccines](#)

**Office of the Australian Information Commissioner -** [COVID-19: Vaccinations and my privacy rights](#)  
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations: Understanding your privacy obligations to your staff](#)

## Appendix A – Current Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions

	Type	Official title	Summary	Commenced
1	Travel and border	<a href="#">Access to Quarantine Centres Directions (No 2)</a>	Quarantine workers who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 must not enter any part of the premises which is being used as a quarantine centre.	22 September 2021
2	Business and community activity	<a href="#">Health Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions (No 3)</a>	<p><b>Health Care Workers:</b> A health care worker must not enter, or remain at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specified hospital units and wards, and COVID clinics if the worker has not been partially vaccinated by 1 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 November;</li> <li>• hospitals, including ancillary facilities, if the worker has not been partially vaccinated by 1 November 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 December 2021; and</li> <li>• public health service facilities and premises occupied by the Department of Health or a health service provider if the worker is not partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Support Workers:</b> A health support worker must not enter, or remain at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specified hospital units and wards, and COVID clinics if the worker has not been partially vaccinated by 1 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 November;</li> <li>• hospitals, including ancillary facilities, if the worker has not been partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021, and fully</li> </ul>	22 September 2021

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			<p>vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>public health service facilities and premises occupied by the Department of Health or a health service provider if the worker is not partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021, and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Business and community activity</b>	<u>Exposed Port Worker (Restrictions on Access) Direction (No 3)</u>	<p><b>Exposed Vessel Worker:</b> An exposed vessel worker must be partially vaccinated by 15 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 12 November 2021 to board exposed vessels.</p> <p><b>Exposed Vessel Contact Worker:</b> An exposed vessel contact worker must be partially vaccinated by 15 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 12 November 2021 to enter, or remain at, a port location to carry out port activities.</p> <p><b>Exposed Vessel Transport Worker:</b> An exposed vessel transport worker must be partially vaccinated by 15 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 12 November 2021 to enter, or remain upon, a dedicated conveyance.</p>	22 September 2021
4	<b>Business and community activity</b>	<u>Residential Aged Care Facility Worker Access Directions (No 4)</u>	A residential aged care facility worker must be partially vaccinated by 11 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 17 November 2021 to enter, or remain at, a residential aged care facility.	11 October 2021
5	<b>Travel and border</b>	<u>Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 6)</u>	Transport, freight and logistics drivers need to complete a GSG Pass declaration to enter WA. Drivers may also be required to undergo testing, depending on the location the driver is arriving from.	13 October 2021

	Type	Official title	Summary	Commenced
			An extreme risk and high-risk driver must be partially vaccinated by 24 October 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 24 December 2021 to enter WA.	
6	<b>Business and community activity</b>	<a href="#">Primary Health Care Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions</a>	A primary health care worker must be partially vaccinated by 1 November 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 December 2021 to enter, or remain at, a primary health care facility.	22 October 2021
7	<b>Business and community activity</b>	<a href="#">Resources Industry Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions</a>	<p><b>Resource Industry Workers</b> A resource worker must be partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022 to enter, or remain at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a rural or remote resources industry site; and</li> <li>• a remote operating centre.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rig or Platform Crew Members</b> A rig or platform crew member must be partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022 to enter, or remain at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a rural or remote airport; or</li> <li>• a State Port for the purpose of undertaking a journey.</li> </ul>	2 November 2021
8	<b>Business and community activity</b>	To be released. <a href="#">Mandatory vaccines – essential services and businesses Summary</a>	<p><b>Group 1 Industries and Occupations:</b> Occupations in which risk is sufficient due to high transmission, vulnerability or necessary to avoid catastrophic risk to safety of the community must be partially vaccinated by 1 December 2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 31 December 2021.</p> <p><b>Group 2 Industries and Occupations:</b> Occupations deemed critical to the ongoing delivery of business and function of the community must be partially vaccinated by 31 December</p>	To be determined.

	Type	Official title	Summary	Commenced
			<p>2021 and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 31 January 2022.</p> <p><b>In the event of a lockdown:</b> In the event of a lockdown or similar restrictions, certain industries and occupations must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend work.</p>	

\*\*Note, definitions of terms mentioned in the above table can be found in the relevant WA Government direction.