

SAFETY BULLETIN

86 - Recording COVID19 Vaccination Status For Construction Sites (Victoria)

Overview

The Victorian Government <u>has announced changes to</u> <u>construction industry settings</u>. These changes are being made to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the industry, allowing people to keep working safely.

In addition to the current COVID-19 measures in place, anyone who attends a construction site will need to have a first dose of COVID-19 vaccination by 11:59pm Thursday, 23 September.

Priority vaccination access

Construction workers can also now access a priority vaccination booking by calling the Coronavirus hotline on <u>1800 675 398</u>. Limited walk-in appointments are also available for construction workers. The following <u>Vaccination centres are only offering walk-ins during specific times</u>.

Requesting Vaccination Information

In line with the Victorian Health Directions, a construction site operator must ensure that all workers entering a construction site from Friday 24 September have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or has made a booking to receive a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Saturday 2 October.

All site operators must inform their workers that they will be requesting evidence of a worker's COVID-19 vaccination status by Friday 24 September 2021. For more details on vaccines, visit https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

This obligation applies to the construction sector and covers anyone who attends a construction site including:

- all construction workers
- subcontractors
- union officials
- WorkSafe, Victorian Building Authority (VBA) or others who attend for the purposes of Occupational Health and Safety, or other compliance and enforcement activities; and
- building owners and delivery workers who attend on site.

An operator of a construction site must request, collect and store information on the following matters by Friday 24 September:

- whether the worker has received a full COVID-19 vaccination by 24 September
- whether the worker has received a partial COVID-19 vaccination by 24 September
- Whether the person has not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and has made a booking to receive a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Saturday 2 October 2021
- whether the worker has not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and has not made a booking to receive a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by 2 October
- whether the worker cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccine because they have an exception from a medical practitioner.

On Arrival to Site

- 1. QR Check in to the site and contact your Programmed Supervisor.
- 2. Show evidence of your vaccination status. This could include your COVID-19 digital certificate, Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) record, booking confirmation or medical exemption.

In the event that construction workers decline to disclose their vaccination status or cannot provide evidence to the above they are not authorised to work on site.

3. A construction site operator must keep a record to demonstrate its compliance. Once your vaccination status is verified, scan the QR code below to create your compliance record.



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What information is required to be collected?

Report all incidents and near misses

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