

# **Guidance for the Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 7)**

This Order requires operators of specified facilities to manage the vaccination status of workers, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the population in the following settings:

- (1) residential aged care facilities;
- (2) construction sites;
- (3) healthcare facilities; and
- (4) education facilities.

Amongst other things, this Order requires operators of specified facilities to:

- (1) collect, record and hold certain vaccination information of workers;
- (2) take reasonable steps to prevent entry of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated workers to the specified facility for the purposes of working;
- (3) if a booster deadline is specified in relation to a worker and the worker is aged 18 years or over, take reasonable steps to prevent entry of workers, unless the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted) or an excepted person or unless an exception applies to the worker; and
- (4) notify current and new workers that the operator is obliged to collect, record and hold certain vaccination information about the worker and to take reasonable steps to prevent a worker who is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated or not fully vaccinated (boosted) from entering or remaining on the premises of a specified facility for the purposes of work, as applicable.

Exceptional circumstances are set out in this Order where an operator is not required to comply with this Order. Otherwise, failure to comply with this Order may result in penalties.

*This guidance does not form part of the Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 7) and is for explanatory purposes only.*

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# **Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 7)**

I, Martin Foley, Minister for Health, make the following Order under the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** in the belief that this Order is reasonably necessary to protect public health throughout Victoria from the serious risk arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic disease.

## **Part 1 – Preliminary**

### **1 Objective**

- (1) The objective of this Order is to impose obligations upon operators of specified facilities in relation to the vaccination of workers, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the population in these settings.
- (2) This Order imposes obligations on operators of:
  - (a) residential aged care facilities;
  - (b) construction sites;
  - (c) healthcare facilities; and
  - (d) education facilities.
- (3) This Order must be read together with the pandemic orders in force.

### **2 Citation**

This Order may be referred to as the **Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 7)**.

### **3 Authorising Provision**

This Order is made under section 165AI of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**.

### **4 Commencement and revocation**

- (1) This Order commences at 11:59:00pm on 12 April 2022 and ends at 11:59:00pm on 12 July 2022.
- (2) The **Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 6)** is revoked at 11:59:00pm on 12 April 2022.

## **5 Definitions**

In this Order:

- (1) key definitions are contained in Division 1 of Schedule 2;
- (2) facility-specific definitions are contained in Division 2 of Schedule 2; and
- (3) other definitions are contained in Division 3 of Schedule 2.

## **6 Application of this Order**

This Order applies to the whole State of Victoria.

# **Part 2 – Operator Obligations**

## **Division 1 – Operator must collect, record and hold vaccination information**

### **7 Vaccination information**

- (1) If a worker is, or may be, scheduled to work at a specified facility after the commencement of this Order, the operator must collect, record and hold the following vaccination information about the worker:
  - (a) the worker's vaccination status; and
  - (b) if the worker is fully vaccinated – the date on which the person became fully vaccinated.
- (2) If:
  - (a) a worker has a booster deadline; and
  - (b) the worker is aged 18 years or over; and
  - (c) the worker is, or may be, scheduled to work outside the worker's ordinary place of residence after that date,the operator must collect, record and hold the following vaccination information about the worker:
  - (d) whether the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted); and
  - (e) if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted) – the date on which the person became fully vaccinated (boosted).
- (3) If an exception under clause 12 or clause 14 applies to a worker, the operator must collect, record and hold information about whether the worker has a

booking to receive a booster dose and any information about that booking including the date of the booking.

- (4) If an operator is not required to comply with clause 10(2) in relation to a worker because the exception in clause 12 applies to the worker, the operator must collect, record and hold information regarding the entry of the worker into Australia from another country including the date of entry.

## **8 Timing**

- (1) An operator must comply with the obligations in clause 7(1) as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of this Order.
- (2) An operator must comply with the obligations in clause 7(2) in relation to a worker before that worker's booster deadline.

## **9 Exceptions**

- (1) Clause 7(1)(a) does not apply in relation to a worker if the operator already holds information that the worker:
  - (a) if the worker:
    - (i) does not have a booster deadline, is fully vaccinated; or
    - (ii) does have a booster deadline, is fully vaccinated (boosted); or
  - (b) will be an excepted person for the period beginning when this Order commences and ending when this Order ends.
- (2) Clauses 7(1)(b) and 7(2) do not apply in relation to a worker if:
  - (a) the operator already holds the information specified in those subclauses; or
  - (b) the worker will be an excepted person for the period beginning when this Order commences and ending when this Order ends.

## **Division 2 – Operator must take reasonable steps to prevent entry of unvaccinated workers**

### **10 Prevention of entry to premises**

#### *Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated workers*

- (1) An operator of a specified facility must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a worker does not enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility for the purposes of working at the specified facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated or an excepted person.

### *Booster deadlines*

- (2) If a booster deadline is specified in relation to a worker and the worker is aged 18 years and over, an operator of a specified facility must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the worker does not, after that date, enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility for the purposes of working at the specified facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted) or an excepted person, or one or more of the exceptions under this Order apply.

### *Where operator does not hold information about vaccination status*

- (3) For the purposes of this clause, if an operator does not hold information about the vaccination status of a worker, the operator must treat the worker as if the worker is unvaccinated.

## **11 Exception – not eligible for booster**

Despite clause 10(2), an operator of a specified facility may permit a worker referred to in that subclause to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility if the worker became fully vaccinated in the previous 3 months and 14 days.

*Note: once 3 months and 14 days have passed since a worker with a booster deadline has become fully vaccinated, an operator can only permit the worker to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility after the booster deadline if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted).*

## **12 Exception – recent international arrival**

Despite clause 10(2), an operator of a specified facility may permit a worker referred to in that subclause to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility if the worker:

- (1) is fully vaccinated;
- (2) entered Australia from another country in the previous 4 weeks;
- (3) has a booking to receive a booster dose within 4 weeks of entering Australia; and
- (4) has provided evidence to the operator of the specified facility that the worker has a booking as specified in subclause (3).

*Note: once 4 weeks have passed since a worker has entered Australia from another country, an operator can only permit the worker to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility after the booster deadline if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted).*

### 13 Exception – no longer excepted person

Despite clause 10(2), an operator of a specified facility may permit a worker referred to in that subclause to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility if the worker is fully vaccinated and ceased to be an excepted person in the previous 14 days.

*Note: once 14 days have passed since a worker has ceased to be an excepted person, an operator can only permit the worker to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility after the booster deadline if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted).*

### 14 Exception – self-quarantine or self-isolation

Despite clause 10(2), an operator of a specified facility may permit a worker referred to in that subclause to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility only until the end of the 14 day period specified in subclause (2) if the worker is fully vaccinated and:

- (1) was unable to become fully vaccinated (boosted) before the relevant booster deadline because they were in self-quarantine or self-isolation under the **Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order**; and
- (2) has a booking to receive, within 14 days of the end of the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation as determined under the **Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order**, a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that will cause the worker to become fully vaccinated (boosted).

*Note: once 14 days have passed since the end of the worker's relevant period of self-quarantine or self-isolation, an operator can only permit the worker to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility after the booster deadline if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted).*

### 15 Exception – recent diagnosed persons or probable cases

Despite clause 10(2), an operator of a specified facility may permit a worker referred to in that subclause to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility, if the worker is fully vaccinated and:

- (1) was a diagnosed person whose self-isolation period under the **Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order** or a Revoked Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order ended within the previous 4 months; or
- (2) was a probable case whose self-isolation period under the **Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order** or a Revoked Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order ended within the previous 4 months, and:
  - (a) if the worker's self-isolation period ended at or prior to 11:59pm on 4 February 2022:

- (i) the worker has provided a written attestation to their employer stating that they were unable to access a COVID-19 PCR test when they were in self-isolation as a probable case; and
  - (ii) the worker notified the Department of their positive result from a COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to 11:59pm on 4 February 2022; or
- (b) if the worker's self-isolation period ended after 11:59pm on 4 February 2022, the worker received a positive result from a COVID-19 PCR test undertaken during the period of self-isolation.

*Note 1: to demonstrate to an operator of a specified facility that a worker is covered by this exception, the worker may provide the operator with a written positive result from a COVID-19 PCR test for the purposes of subclause (1) and (2)(b), or a written declaration of their positive result from a COVID-19 rapid antigen test for the purposes of subclause (2)(a).*

*Note 2: once 4 months have passed since the worker's period of self-isolation has ended, an operator can only permit the worker to enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility after the booster deadline if the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted).*

## **Division 3 – Operator to notify workers**

### **16 Authorisation to use vaccination information**

For the purposes of complying with Division 2 of Part 2, an operator is authorised to use any information about a worker that it holds under clause 7, except a worker's Individual Healthcare Identifier.

*Note: a COVID-19 digital certificate issued by Services Australia may include a person's Individual Healthcare Identifier. Individual Healthcare Identifiers are regulated by the Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010 of the Commonwealth.*

### **17 Disclosure to employer or contractor**

If the operator is obliged to comply with Division 2 of Part 2 in relation to a worker and the operator is not:

- (1) the employer of the worker; or
- (2) the person who engaged the worker to work at the facility,

the operator is authorised to disclose to the employer or person who engaged the worker that the operator is obliged to comply with Division 2 of Part 2 in relation to the worker.

## **18 Notification to current workers**

- (1) Unless an exception applies under this Order, subject to subclause (2), an operator of a specified facility must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of this Order, inform each worker who is, or may be, scheduled to work at the facility that:
  - (a) clause 7 obliges the operator to collect, record and hold the information specified in that clause in relation to the worker; and
  - (b) clause 10(1) obliges the operator to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a worker does not enter, or remain on, the premises of a specified facility for the purposes of working at the facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated or an excepted person; and
  - (c) if a booster deadline is specified in relation to a worker and the worker is aged 18 years or over, clause 10(2) obliges the operator to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the worker does not enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility for the purposes of working at the facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted) or an excepted person.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to an operator in respect of a worker to the extent that the operator informed the worker of the matters specified in that subclause under a Revoked COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order.

## **19 Notification to new workers**

Unless an exception applies under this Order, if an operator of a specified facility engages a worker who is, or may be, scheduled to work at the facility, the operator must inform the worker, as soon as reasonably practicable after engaging the worker, that:

- (1) clause 7 obliges the operator to collect, record and hold the information specified in that clause in relation to the worker; and
- (2) clause 10(1) obliges the operator to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a worker does not enter, or remain on, the premises of a specified facility for the purposes of working at the facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated or an excepted person; and
- (3) if a booster deadline is specified in relation to a worker and the worker is aged 18 years or over, clause 10(2) obliges the operator to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the worker does not enter, or remain on, the premises of the specified facility for the purposes of working at the facility unless the worker is fully vaccinated (boosted) or an excepted person.

## **Division 4 – Exceptions and other operator obligations**

### **20 Exception — exceptional circumstances**

(1) An operator of a specified facility is not required to comply with clause 10 if one or more of the exceptional circumstances specified in subclause (2) applies.

(2) The exceptional circumstances are:

(a) a worker is required to perform work or duties at the facility that is or are necessary to provide for urgent specialist clinical or medical care due to an emergency situation or a critical unforeseen circumstance; or

(b) a worker is required to fill a vacancy to provide urgent care, to maintain quality of care and/or continue essential operations at the facility due to an emergency situation or a critical unforeseen circumstance; or

*Example 1: a work premises has a large number of workers furloughed due to exposure at a Tier 1 site.*

*Example 2: a medical practitioner is required to attend the premises on short notice due to an emergency situation.*

(c) a worker is required to attend the facility to respond to an emergency at the facility; or

(d) a worker is required to perform urgent and essential work at the facility to protect the health and safety of workers or members of the public, or to protect assets and infrastructure.

*Example 1: securing a crane due to impending high winds.*

*Example 2: works required at a construction site in order to make the construction site safe for continued operation.*

(3) If a circumstance specified in subclause (2)(b), (2)(c) or (2)(d) applies, the operator must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the worker remains upon the premises of the facility only for the period of time necessary to respond to the exceptional circumstance.

### **21 Additional obligation**

If the circumstances specified in clause 20(2) apply in relation to a residential aged care facility or a healthcare facility, the relevant operator must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the worker wears, at all times while on the premises of the facility, PPE that includes, at a minimum, a surgical mask and face shield.

## **22 Disclosure to authorised officers**

- (1) An authorised officer may request an operator to produce to the authorised officer any vaccination information held by the operator under clause 7, except any Individual Healthcare Identifiers that the operator might hold.
- (2) If an authorised officer makes a request to a person under subclause (1), the person must comply with the request.

*Note: authorised officers may also be authorised to exercise the public health risk power in section 190(1)(d) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** to require the provision of any information needed to investigate, eliminate or reduce the risk to public health.*

## **Part 3 – Service Victoria authorisation**

### **23 Notification of eligibility for booster**

The Chief Executive Officer of Service Victoria is authorised to notify a person through the Service Victoria App that the person:

- (1) is eligible to receive a booster dose; or
- (2) will shortly become eligible to receive a booster dose,

by using the information contained in the person's COVID-19 digital certificate issued by Services Australia and displayed through the Service Victoria App.

## **Part 4 – General provisions**

### **24 Severability**

To the extent that any part of this Order is held to be in excess of power or otherwise invalid it is intended that it is to be taken to be valid to the extent to which it is not in excess of that power.

### **25 Transitional provisions**

- (1) A reference in any pandemic order in force to a Revoked COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order is taken on and after the commencement of this Order to be a reference to this Order.
- (2) Any act, matter or thing that had effect under a Revoked COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order immediately before it was revoked continues to have effect under this Order.
- (3) Without limiting subclause (2), this Order is subject to any exemption, benefit, requirement or entitlement (however described) to which a Revoked COVID-

19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order was subject immediately before it was revoked.

- (4) This clause is subject to any express provision to the contrary in this Order.

## Part 5 – Penalties

### 26 Penalties

Section 165BN of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 provides:

#### **Failure to comply with pandemic order, direction or other requirement**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person refuses or fails to comply with a pandemic order, or with a direction given to the person, or a requirement made of the person, in the exercise of a pandemic management power.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person, 60 penalty units

Penalty: In the case of a body corporate, 300 penalty units

- (2) A person is not guilty of an offence against subsection (1) if the person had a reasonable excuse for refusing or failing to comply.

*Note: the **Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019** provide for infringement notices to be served on any person who has refused or failed to comply (without a reasonable excuse) with a pandemic order, or a direction given or a requirement made in the exercise of a pandemic management power. The amount payable pursuant to the infringement notice varies depending on the nature of the failure or refusal and the age of the person.*

## Schedule 1 – Specified Facilities

Specified facility (Column 1)	Operator (Column 2)	Worker (Column 3)	Booster deadline (Column 4)	Facility-specific definitions
<b>residential aged care facility</b>	<b>approved provider</b> with responsibility for that residential aged care facility	<b>residential aged care facility worker</b>	12 March 2022	Clause 4 of Schedule 2
<b>construction site</b>	<b>principal contractor</b> for that construction site	any person (paid or unpaid) performing work at a construction site, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an employee of the operator; and</li> <li>(b) any contractor engaged by the operator or by a third party.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Clause 5 of Schedule 2
<b>healthcare facility</b>	<b>healthcare operator</b>	<b>healthcare worker</b>	29 March 2022	Clause 6 of Schedule 2

<b>Specified facility (Column 1)</b>	<b>Operator (Column 2)</b>	<b>Worker (Column 3)</b>	<b>Booster deadline (Column 4)</b>	<b>Facility-specific definitions</b>
<b>education facility</b>	<b>education operator</b>	<b>education worker</b>	25 March 2022	Clause 7 of Schedule 2

## Schedule 2 – Definitions

### Division 1 – Key definitions

#### 1 Vaccination status

- (1) A person's **vaccination status** is one of the following:
  - (a) fully vaccinated (boosted); or
  - (b) fully vaccinated; or
  - (c) partially vaccinated; or
  - (d) unvaccinated; or
  - (e) excepted person.
- (2) A person is **fully vaccinated** if the person has received:
  - (a) one dose of a one dose COVID-19 vaccine; or
  - (b) two doses of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine including two different types of two dose COVID-19 vaccines.
- (3) A person is **fully vaccinated (boosted)** if the person has received a booster dose.
- (4) A person is **partially vaccinated** if the person has received one dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine and is not an excepted person.
- (5) A person is **unvaccinated** if the person has not received a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and is not an excepted person.
- (6) A person is an **excepted person** if the person holds acceptable certification that the person is unable to receive a dose, or a further dose, of any COVID-19 vaccine that is available in Australia due to:
  - (a) a medical contraindication; or
  - (b) an acute medical illness (including where the person has been diagnosed with COVID-19).
- (7) An **acceptable certification** for the purpose of subclause (6) is:
  - (a) a current COVID-19 digital certificate issued by Services Australia and displayed through the Medicare App, Service Victoria App or equivalent smartphone wallet, that states that the person is unable to receive a dose,

- or a further dose, of any COVID-19 vaccine that is available in Australia;  
or
- (b) a printed version of the COVID-19 digital certificate referred to in subparagraph (a); or
  - (c) only in relation to a person who is fully vaccinated, a current Immunisation History Statement displayed through the Medicare App, that states that a fully vaccinated person is unable to receive a booster dose that is available in Australia; or
  - (d) only in relation to a person who is fully vaccinated, a printed version of the Immunisation History Statement referred to in subparagraph (c).
- (8) A **booster deadline** in relation to a worker is the date specified in Column 4 of Schedule 1 for that worker.
- (9) A person has received a **booster dose** if they have received:
- (a) a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine after receiving one dose of a one dose COVID-19 vaccine; or
  - (b) a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine after receiving two doses of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine including different types of two dose COVID-19 vaccines.

## 2 Vaccination information

For the purposes of this Order, **vaccination information** is information relating to a person's vaccination status and includes:

- (1) any information that is derived from a record of information that was made under, or in accordance with, the Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015 of the Commonwealth; and
- (2) the name or type of any dose of COVID-19 vaccine received by the person; and
- (3) the date on which the person received any dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

*Note: vaccination information may be recorded in a variety of documents, such as a letter from a medical practitioner, a certificate of immunisation or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register. For overseas travellers, it may be recorded in an Australian International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate or vaccination certificates issued by an overseas government authority, accompanied by the Australian Traveller Declaration or COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Declaration for travel to Australia.*

## 3 Schedule 1 definitions

For the purposes of this Order:

- (1) **operator** in relation to a specified facility means a person identified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 for that facility;
- (2) **specified facility** means a facility identified in Column 1 of Schedule 1;
- (3) **worker** in relation to a specified facility means a person identified in Column 3 of Schedule 1 for that facility except for a person under 12 years and two months of age.

## **Division 2 – Facility-specific definitions**

### **4 Residential aged care facilities**

For the purposes of this Order:

- (1) **approved provider** has the same meaning as in the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018 of the Commonwealth;
- (2) **residential aged care facility** means the premises at which accommodation and personal care or nursing care or both are provided to a person in respect of whom a residential care subsidy or a flexible care subsidy is payable under the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth;
- (3) **residential aged care facility worker** means a person (including a volunteer) that is:
  - (a) employed, or engaged as a contractor, by an operator that operates a residential aged care facility to perform work at the residential aged care facility including:
    - (i) direct care workforce including nurses, personal care workers, allied health professionals, and allied health assistants;
    - (ii) administration staff including reception and management staff;
    - (iii) ancillary staff including food preparation, cleaning, laundry, gardening and general maintenance staff;
    - (iv) dental practitioners;
    - (v) phlebotomists (pathology nurses);
    - (vi) lifestyle and social staff, such as those delivering music or art therapy;
    - (vii) transport drivers who are responsible for collecting and transporting residents to and from the residential aged care facility for outings;

- (viii) volunteers engaged by the residential aged care facility to undertake duties at the facility;
  - (ix) students on placement;
  - (x) medical practitioners and allied health professionals who attend the residential aged care facility to provide care to residents of the facility;
- (b) a medical practitioner, dental practitioner or allied health professional who is employed or engaged by a resident of a residential aged care facility to provide care to the resident;
- (4) **residential care subsidy** has the same meaning as in the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth.

## 5 Construction sites

For the purposes of this Order:

- (1) **construction site** means a premises at which civil works, building or construction activities are taking place (the primary premises) and includes:
- (a) premises that are nearby to the primary premises at which work relating to the operation of the primary premises is undertaken (secondary premises);
  - (b) any vehicle used to carry out work at the primary premises or secondary premises;
- Example: a site office for a construction site that is located in an office building close to the construction site.*
- (2) **principal contractor** means the owner of a construction site unless the owner:
- (a) appoints a principal contractor for the construction work performed for or on behalf of the owner; and
  - (b) authorises the principal contractor to manage or control the construction site to the extent necessary to discharge the duties imposed on a principal contractor under the **Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017**;
- (3) **vehicle** has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**.

## 6 Healthcare facilities

For the purposes of this Order:

- (1) **healthcare facility** means each of the following premises:
- (a) hospitals, including outpatient settings and in reach services;
  - (b) ambulance and patient transport services vehicles;
  - (c) community health centres including mental health, child and maternity, and drug and alcohol counselling services centres;
  - (d) general practices;
  - (e) COVID-19 related healthcare sites, including testing sites, vaccination centres and hotel quarantine premises;
  - (f) dental surgeries and practices;
  - (g) day procedure centres;
  - (h) health clinics, including medical specialist and allied health professional operated clinics;
  - (i) pharmacies;
  - (j) diagnostic and medical imaging centres;
  - (k) premises at which mobile health services are provided;
  - (l) premises at which blood donation services are provided;
  - (m) premises at which healthcare students undertake placement, registration or internships;
  - (n) premises at which health services within government agencies are provided, including the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Services – Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, but excluding an education facility;
  - (o) Coroner’s Court;
  - (p) any retail or other premises operating within a healthcare facility, including cafes, newsagents and florists;
- (2) **healthcare operator** means a person who operates a healthcare facility whether public, private or denominational;
- (3) **healthcare worker** means a person who is employed or engaged as a contractor by a healthcare operator to perform at a healthcare facility any of the following:
- (a) healthcare services including:
    - (i) medical practitioners, dental professionals, nurses and midwives;

- (ii) allied health professionals (including those that work within a discipline classified by the Victorian Department of Health as allied health, or are registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency);
  - (iii) palliative care workers;
  - (iv) personal care attendants;
  - (v) phlebotomists and pathology workers;
  - (vi) coroners;
  - (vii) lifestyle and social therapists;
  - (viii) formal language and interpretation services;
  - (ix) students;
  - (x) volunteers;
- (b) administrative or ancillary roles, including:
- (i) an administrative, clerical and managerial worker, and each of their assistants' delegates;
  - (ii) food preparation, cleaning and laundry services;
  - (iii) patient service assistants and porters;
  - (iv) operating theatre technicians;
  - (v) security, maintenance and repair and information technology, gardening and landscaping;
- (c) ambulance and patient transport services;
- (d) work at a retail business operating within a healthcare facility, including cafes, restaurants, newsagents and florists.

## 7 Education facilities

For the purposes of this Order:

- (1) **childcare or early childhood service** means onsite early childhood education and care services or children's services provided under the:
- (a) **Education and Care Services National Law** and the **Education and Care Services National Regulations**, including long day care services,

kindergartens and/or preschool and family daycare services, but not including outside school hours care services; and

- (b) **Children's Services Act 1996**, including limited hours services, budget based funded services, occasional care services, early childhood intervention services, mobile services and (if applicable) school holiday care programs;

(2) **education facility** means:

- (a) premises at which a childcare or early childhood service is provided;
- (b) premises at which an outside school hours care service is provided;
- (c) a school;
- (d) school boarding premises;

(3) **education operator** means a person who operates an education facility, whether public, private or denominational;

(4) **education worker** means:

- (a) any person who is employed by an education operator to work in an education facility (including teachers, early childhood educators and educational support staff);
- (b) a person contracted to work at an education facility and who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff, whether or not engaged by the education operator including casual relief teachers, Breakfast Club suppliers, IT personnel, NDIS providers and auditors, (but does not include delivery personnel);
- (c) staff of the Department of Education and Training who attend an education facility (such as allied health personnel or Authorised Officers);
- (d) staff of any other entity who attends an education facility;
- (e) volunteers that attend an education facility and that work in close proximity to children, students or staff (including parent helpers);
- (f) students on placements at an education facility;
- (g) a person providing healthcare services at an education facility,

but does not include a person attending an education facility outside of the education facility's normal operating hours, for purposes that are primarily non-educational;

*Example 1: an education facility is used as an election polling site.*

*Example 2: an education facility is used for sporting activities outside of normal school hours.*

- (5) **school** means a registered school as defined in the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**;
- (6) **school boarding premises** means a registered school boarding premises, as defined in the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**.

## **Division 3 – Other definitions**

### **8 Other definitions**

For the purposes of this Order:

**authorised officer** has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

**COVID-19** means the contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2;

**COVID-19 PCR test** means a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test;

**COVID-19 rapid antigen test** means a COVID-19 rapid antigen test;

**COVID-19 vaccine** means either a one dose COVID-19 vaccine or a two dose COVID-19 vaccine;

**critical unforeseen circumstance** means a circumstance that the operator of a work premises could not reasonably have foreseen nor planned for which results in a critical need for staff;

**diagnosed person** has the same meaning as in the **Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order**;

**emergency situation** means a situation where it is reasonably apparent to the operator of a specified facility that medical treatment is necessary, as a matter of urgency to:

- (1) save a person's life; or
- (2) prevent serious damage to a person's health; or
- (3) prevent a person from suffering or continuing to suffer significant pain or distress;

**Individual Healthcare Identifier** has the same meaning as the healthcare identifier of a healthcare recipient in section 9 of the Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010 of the Commonwealth;

**medical contraindication** means one of the following contraindications to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine:

- (1) anaphylaxis after a previous dose;
- (2) anaphylaxis to any component of the vaccine, including polysorbate or polyethylene glycol;
- (3) in relation to AstraZeneca:
  - (a) history of capillary leak syndrome; or
  - (b) thrombosis with thrombocytopenia occurring after a previous dose;
- (4) in relation to Comirnaty or Spikevax:
  - (a) myocarditis or pericarditis attributed to a previous dose of either Comirnaty or Spikevax;
- (5) where a person is in the process of completing a Federal Department of Health approved COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial;
- (6) the occurrence of any other serious adverse event that has:
  - (a) been attributed to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by an experienced immunisation provider or medical specialist (and not attributed to any another identifiable cause); and
  - (b) been reported to State adverse event programs and/or the Therapeutic Goods Administration;

**medical practitioner** means:

- (1) a general practice registrar on an approved 3GA training placement; or
- (2) a public health physician; or
- (3) an infectious disease physician; or
- (4) a clinical immunologist; or
- (5) a general practitioner who is vocationally registered; or
- (6) a general practitioner who is a fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP); or
- (7) a general practitioner who is a fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM); or
- (8) a paediatrician; or

(9) a medical practitioner who is a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians;

**one dose COVID-19 vaccine** means 'COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen' (Janssen-Cilag);

**pandemic orders in force** has the same meaning as in the **Pandemic (Movement and Gathering) Order 2022 (No. 5)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

**PPE** means personal protective equipment;

**premises** has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** but does not include a worker's ordinary place of residence;

**probable case** has the same meaning as in the **Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order**;

**Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order** means the **Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order 2022 (No. 7)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

**Revoked COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order** means the **COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Directions (No 13)**, the **Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 6)**, or their predecessors;

**Revoked Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order** means the **Diagnosed Persons and Close Contacts Directions (No 35)** or the **Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order 2022 (No. 6)**, or their predecessors;

**Service Victoria App** means the digital system provided by the Chief Executive Officer of Service Victoria and other parts of the Victorian Government;

**two dose COVID-19 vaccine** means:

- (1) Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca);
- (2) Comirnaty (Pfizer);
- (3) Spikevax (Moderna);
- (4) Coronavac (Sinovac);
- (5) Covishield (Astrazeneca/Serum Institute of India);
- (6) Covaxin (Bharat Biotech);
- (7) BBIP-CorV (Sinopharm);
- (8) Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute).
- (9) Nuvaxovid (Bioelect on behalf of Novavax).



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