

Wednesday 17th November 2021 (following on from Wednesday 27th October, 2021)

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

As each State releases its Roadmap they are mandating vaccines for authorised/essential workers please be aware of your responsibilities within your State. As restrictions ease and borders and travel open up please be ahead of the game and ensure your business is ready for the potential increase in customers and that your sites are building up stock ready for the busy Summer and Christmas period. We have seen around the world, shortages as things ramp up, make sure you are ahead of the game and don't get caught out if Australia experiences these "opening back up" shortages.

# VIC Members Vaccine Mandates and Exposure Response

Vaccination Mandate – next deadline 26/11/2021 (13/11/2021 for Exemptions to be REISSUED)
For all fuel transport, admin and retail staff there is a requirement for vaccination. Exemptions must now be in the appropriate format, including previously issued exemptions.

See; <a href="https://acapmag.com.au/2021/10/vic-vaccine-mandate-update/">https://acapmag.com.au/2021/10/vic-vaccine-mandate-update/</a> for detailed exploration of the requirements for vaccination for all workers onsite, Vaccination Register Requirements and practical Q&A.

#### **Exposure Response**

In most common fuel retail settings, if the employee is fully vaccinated and distancing and mask wearing is maintained, that the employee is likely to be classed as a Low Risk Contact who will need to monitor for symptoms but will not be required to isolate. The actual classification of the employee will depend on the specific circumstances of the exposure.

See; <a href="https://acapmag.com.au/2021/10/vic-exposure-response-framework-changes/">https://acapmag.com.au/2021/10/vic-exposure-response-framework-changes/</a> for detailed exploration of the exposure responses in VIC including examples as applied to the fuel retail environment

#### More Information

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/ https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap

# **Restrictions by State**

Please check the restrictions currently in place in your State and local area at the links below.

#### **New South Wales**

• General Covid information – <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.nsw.gov.au/</a>

#### Victoria

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/</a>

#### Queensland

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions">https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions</a>

#### **Northern Territory**

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions">https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions</a>

#### **South Australia**

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/">https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/</a>

#### Tasmani

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/">https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/</a>

#### Western Australia

General Covid information – <a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus">https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus</a>

# **COVID-19 Facts and Figures**

Click here to visit:

https://covidlive.com.au/

## **Mental Health Resources**

- <u>Black Dog Institute</u> is a free online clinic providing a mental health assessment tool and other support services.
- Head to Health can help you find digital mental health and wellbeing resources.
- <u>Lifeline</u> (13 11 14 operates 24/7) provides crisis support and suicide prevention services.
- RUOK? inspires and empowers everyone to meaningfully connect with people and support anyone who may be struggling with life.
- ReachOut provides practical tools and support to help young people get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.
- <u>Kids Helpline</u> (1800 55 18 00 operates 24/7) is a telephone counselling support line for children and young people ages 5 to 25.

# Rapid Antigen Tests Pacific Optics

Pacific Optics have announced they will be distributing the ECOTEST range of Rapid Antigen Tests. This product is approved by the TGA and The Doherty Institute.

Orders can be placed through your Pacific Optics Representative.

Please note – WA & SA Governments have not approved any COVID home testing kits at this stage, therefore these states will be unable to place any orders for the time being.



# Rapid Antigen Tests The Distributors

The Distributors are pleased to announce they will be stocking the Hough Pharma Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits for Self-Use. Hough Pharma are one of the first suppliers to be officially granted TGA Approval for Self-Use in Australia.

To order, please contact your local distributor warehouse.



## **Facemasks**

Pacific Optics have full availability of face for UCB Customers.

Click on the image for further information.

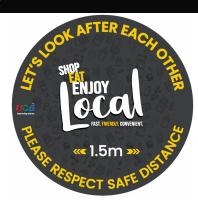


## **Social Distancing Decals**

The Social Distancing Floor stickers have been a hit at sites and do clean up well with a multi surface spray.

After many requests from our Members, UCB have reprinted our social distancing stickers which were included in your October Promotional Pack. Ensure you place them around your store where needed.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact your UCB BMM.



### **Hand Sanitiser Stations**

We have attached an order form on image, which shows the four different types of Sanitiser Stations available from one of our partners, SPOS Group, along with a kit which can be customised.

They allow our members a further way to improve our responsible response to Covid-19 and to safeguard further our staff and our customers. Bulk Hand Sanitiser Fluid is available through SPOS as well as our other Trade Partners as we have previously notified in the Covid-19 Daily Update.

Click on the image for further information.



Stay Safe, Stay Strong Support Your Local!

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