



Friday 3rd September 2021 (following on from Saturday 28th August, 2021)

COVID-19 UPDATE

NSW

Areas of Concern – Vaccinations for Authorised Workers

IMPORTANT VACCINATION INFO - starts Monday 6th September

The Health Department has released an announcement of changes to the vaccination requirements for Authorised Workers.

An updated Public Health Order:

[https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20\(COVID-19%20Additional%20Restrictions%20for%20Delta%20Outbreak\)%20Order%20\(No%202\)%202021_210829.pdf](https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20(COVID-19%20Additional%20Restrictions%20for%20Delta%20Outbreak)%20Order%20(No%202)%202021_210829.pdf)

The details of the announcement are included in the press release:

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20210827_01.aspx

- From **6th September 2021** an authorised worker who lives in an Area of Concern and has to leave the Area of Concern to do authorised work, must have at least 1 does of a COVID-19 vaccination OR have a medical contraindication certificate issued by a doctor specifically outlining the contraindication for vaccination. **No more option of Rapid Antigen Testing – it is vaccine or exemption, no other option**
- There is no requirement for authorised workers who live AND WORK in the same Area of Concern to have the vaccination or medical contraindication.

So this means;

- Authorised workers who **LIVE AND WORK in the same Area of Concern**, in order to come to work needs;
 - A valid permit from 28/8/2021
 - Evidence of identity and address
 - Letter from business acknowledging their employment as an authorised worker
 - **No need for vaccination**
- Authorised worker who **LIVES in an Area of Concern and has to leave the Area of Concern to work**, in order to come to work needs;
 - **Evidence of at least one dose of vaccination**(or medical contraindication certificate)
 - A valid permit from 28/8/2021
 - Evidence of identity and address
 - Letter from business acknowledging their employment as an authorised worker

How to get a record of your COVID-19 vaccination

Proof of your COVID-19 vaccination will be recorded on your immunisation history statement after you've had your vaccine.

You can get this through:

- your Medicare online account
- the Express Plus Medicare app
- the Australian Immunisation Register or
- My Health Record

Medicare online account

1. Sign in to your myGov account (my.gov.au) and choose Medicare
2. From the Immunisation history section, click on View statement
3. Choose your name
4. Click on View history statement (PDF)

Express Plus Medicare app

1. Open the app and sign in
2. From the Services section, choose immunisation history
3. Choose your name
4. Click on View history statement (PDF)

Australian Immunisation Register

Call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 between 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Ask them to send your immunisation history statement to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive by mail.

If you need an interpreter, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) on 131 450.

My Health Record

If you don't have a Medicare card, you can get your immunisation history statement from My Health Record.

1. Sign in to your myGov account (my.gov.au) and choose My Health Record
2. Choose your name
3. From the Documents section choose, Immunisations

For more information on how to access your immunisation history statement, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/irs

To find out more about the COVID-19 Vaccination Program in NSW, go to health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19



- Authorised worker who **LIVES in Greater Sydney (not an Area of Concern)** and **WORKS in an Area of Concern**, in order to come to work needs;
 - **No need for vaccination**
 - A valid permit from 28/8/2021
 - Evidence of identity and address (and should be given a letter from business acknowledging their employment as an authorised worker)

VIC Lockdown extended

The VIC lockdown will continue, likely until at least October 2021, but there will be some changes to the settings.

From 23:59 Thursday 2nd September 2021;

- Playgrounds open with some restrictions - one adult with the children to supervise, masks for all over 12, QR Check in

When 70% vaccination is reached (estimated to be later September)

- Exercise and shopping radius to expand and time to increase

Fuel Wholesale and Retail continues to be essential, but as has been seen in other jurisdictions it is vital that retail operators particularly, take this time to review cleaning and check in requirements with staff. As the restrictions start to ease more customers means more risk and a higher need for focus on cleaning and check in compliance.

For more information see; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/slowing-spread-and-keeping-our-state-safe>

ACT Lockdown extended

The ACT lockdown will continue for another two weeks and is now set to come to an end at 23:59 on 17th September 2021, but there have been some modest changes to the settings.

Settings;

- Masks required at all times when leaving the home (12y or over)
- Outdoor exercise (in household group) has been extended to 2 hours

From 17:00 Thursday 2nd September;

- Outdoor gathering of up to 5 people for up to 2 hours of exercise allowed
- Playgrounds, dog parks open
- Weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies that are time critical are permitted with 10 attendees (ideally to be held outdoors where possible)
- Outdoor services, such as landscaping, dog grooming etc can recommence where physical distancing can be maintained

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Additional business support was also announced this week – for more see;

https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/barr/2021/incr eased-support-for-act-businesses-impacted-by-covid-19

For more information see;

https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/act-status-and-response/lockdown?utm_source=Popularlinks&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=Popular%20links

National Financial Support Summary

State and Federal governments are providing support to both businesses and individuals – but this support is constantly being updated and tweaked. Below is a summary that is correct as at today with the extensions for NSW.

National

- **COVID Disaster Payment (Individual)** – Individuals in Commonwealth declared Hotspots subjected to lockdown are eligible for the COVID Disaster Payment of between \$450 and \$750 tax free per week while in lockdown-
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment>
- **JobMaker Hiring Credit Scheme** – Businesses can access the JobMaker Hiring Credit Scheme as an incentive for hiring eligible young jobseekers 16-35 years of age -
<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/JobMaker-Hiring-Credit/>

NSW

- **JobSaver Program** – ongoing support of fortnightly payments of up to 40% of weekly payroll to a maximum payment of \$100,000 based on a turnover decline experienced (of at least 30% decline) and payroll for the period of 18/7/2021 onwards -
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/jobsaver-payment> - NOTE fuel retail and wholesale is not on the highlight impacted business list so the standard application will be required
- **Payroll Tax Support** – DEFFERALS; businesses can opt to defer payments that are usually due between July and December 2021 until the deferred date of 14 January 2022 and interest free payments will be available, CONCESSIONS; businesses can also apply for a 25% reduction in payroll tax to be paid of 2020-2021 where there has been a 30% decline in turnover -
<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/taxes-duties-levies-royalties/payroll-tax>
- **Commercial tenancy update** – see <https://www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/get-help/covid-19/commercial-leases-and-covid-19-faqs>
- **COVID Business Grant** – one off payment for eligible businesses in Greater Sydney of between \$7,500 and \$15,000 based on turnover decline experienced (of at least 30% decline) and payroll for the period of 26/6/2021-17/7/2021 - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/2021-covid-19-business-grant>

VIC

- **Small Business COVID Hardship Fund** – eligible businesses with 70% revenue reduction will be eligible to receive grants of \$14,000 <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-support-for-businesses-and-workers#business-owners>
- **Business Costs Assistance Program** – eligible businesses with \$4,800 (round 2), \$2,800 (round 3) in support based on ANZSIC codes - <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-costs-assistance-program-round-two-july-extension> - NOTE at this point fuel retail and wholesale is not on the approved ANZSIC code list
- **Business Continuity Fund** – grants of \$5,000 to eligible businesses – details yet to be released - <https://business.vic.gov.au/news-and-updates/2021/extra-support-for-Victorian-businesses>
- **Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme & Landlord Hardship Fund** – providing rent relief for eligible tenants and Landlords - <https://www.vsbv.vic.gov.au/news-publication/commercial-tenancy-relief-for-victorians-in-small-business/>

ACT

- **COVID-19 Business Support Grant** – eligible businesses with 30% revenue reduction will be eligible to receive grants of up to \$10,000 – Applications open 09:00 26/8/2021 - <https://www.act.gov.au/business/business-support/covid-19-economic-support-for-business/support-grant-employing>

Mental Health Resources

We know that this round of constant COVID discussion, changes and lockdowns, lockdowns, lockdowns are hitting people harder than last year and COVID fatigue is a real thing. Remember to reach out to a mate and lean on the many resources that are available.

- [Black Dog Institute](#) 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.
- [Lifeline \(13 11 14 - operates 24/7\)](#) 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.
- [Kids Helpline \(1800 55 18 00 - operates 24/7\)](#) is a telephone counselling support line for children and young people ages 5 to 25.

Restrictions by State

New South Wales

- General Covid information – <https://www.nsw.gov.au/>

Victoria

- General Covid information – <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

Queensland

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

Northern Territory

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

South Australia

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

Tasmania

- General Covid information – <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>

Western Australia

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

COVID-19 Facts and Figures

Click here to visit:

<https://covidlive.com.au/>

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Social Distancing Decals

Social distancing in stores. The UCB Floor stickers are still going strong at sites and do clean up well with a multi surface spray. One of our partners SPOS

have a sticker available to order if you need one.

Social Distancing Decals

High Quality Floor Decals to guide customers

Click on the image for further information.



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.

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Hand Sanitiser Stations

Hygienic High Quality Metal Displays

Freestanding Display - Compact design, perfect for busy locations. This display can be purchased with or without 2 litres of 60% Hand Sanitiser Fluid (see the General Design on the image below) (20 litres minimum order quantity) or a Custom Design (minimum order quantity of 20 units, and artwork/colours will be made).

Counter Top Unit - Ideal for all service areas.

Wall Mount Unit - Ideal for mounting in busy locations.

Counter Top Wall Mount Freestanding

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Store Name & Delivery Address: State: Postcode:

Phone: () Email:

Item	Order Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
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Wall Mount Unit (555)			
Counter Top Unit (370)			
Custom Design			

Important Notes
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