



Clinician alert #69 – all clinicians

Effective from 25 October 2021

New information

The [Primary Health Care Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#) were signed by the Chief Health Officer (CHO) on 22 October 2021, and provide the following requirements:

- On and from 1 November 2021, a person who is a primary health care worker must not enter, or remain at, a primary health care facility, if they have not received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- On and from 1 December 2021, a person who is a primary health care worker must not enter, or remain at, a primary health care facility if they have not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Primary Health Care Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions

The purpose of these directions is to put in place some measures to address the unique risks posed by COVID-19 in primary health care facilities, and ensure primary health care facilities are available to help manage the current public health state of emergency. The key points are summarised below:

- Primary health care workers include:
 - People providing health services to a patient at a primary health care facility
 - Students undertaking placements at a primary health care facility
 - Ambulance officers
 - People providing goods or services at a primary health care.
- Primary health care facilities include:
 - General practices
 - Health clinics, including a medical specialist operated clinic, a nurse operated clinic and an allied health professional operated clinic
 - Prison clinics and detention centre clinics
 - Premises where COVID-19 related testing or COVID-19 vaccination occurs
 - A community health centre
 - An Aboriginal health service
 - A service provider office or site, a mobile health vehicle, a pharmacy, a human pathology centre, a human medical imaging centre, a blood donation centre, a dental surgery or practice, a research institute where patients attend the premises for research purposes
 - Any other facility specified by the CHO.
- A primary health care worker must produce evidence of their vaccination status for inspection, recording and retention of a copy if directed to do so by an emergency officer, or if required to do so by their employer or by the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of a primary health care facility.

Further information is available in the [direction](#).

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