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VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR AUTHORISED WORKERS

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) mandatory vaccination requirements for all authorised providers and authorised workers (APAW) who are not working from home.

All workers – in Melbourne and regional Victoria – on the [authorised worker list](#) who cannot work at home will require their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday 15 October. From 26 November 2021, the requirement will increase to having had two doses or a medical exception.

As authorised workers are currently moving around Victoria the most, it's vital they get vaccinated to protect themselves, their families and all of Victoria.

The 15 October deadline will not apply to workers who already have existing requirements under the Victorian Chief Health Officer directions – such as construction, freight, healthcare, aged care and education, who will still have to comply with previous advice.

Supporting authorised workers to get vaccinated

To help ensure authorised workers can receive their vaccine in time, the government is expanding the GP and pharmacy grant program to priority LGAs in regional Victoria, and doubling the number of grants available for existing LGAs. This will provide more of the state's primary care network with \$4,000 and \$10,000 grants to boost hours and staff and get more Victorian's vaccinated.

The government will also conduct a walk up Moderna blitz from 4 October to 10 October at the following sites:

- Melton Vaccination Hub (Bunnings)
- Sunshine Vaccination Hub
- Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
- Royal Exhibition Building
- Sandown Racecourse Vaccination Centre
- Frankston Community Vaccination Hub
- Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
- Dandenong Palm Plaza
- Former Ford Factor Campbellfield
- La Trobe University site in Bundoora
- St Francis Xavier College Officer Campus.

Over the next week there are 13,000 first dose Pfizer appointments available and 8,000 first dose Astra Zeneca appointments available through the state-run system. Victorians can also book a vaccine appointment through their GP or pharmacist where many more appointments are available.

Victorian pharmacists are now also offering the Moderna vaccine, which is a safe and effective mRNA vaccine. In addition, this vaccine is now available at selected state sites for anyone aged 12 to 59, and GPs and pharmacies are providing both Pfizer and Moderna to all ages, including those above aged 59.

Support your employees to get vaccinated. To book a vaccination through state-run centres – or to see links for how to book at your local GP or pharmacy – visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

Regards,

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