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COVID-19 vaccination to become mandatory for residential aged care workers

WHAT:

As a valued Sundale team member, I wanted to provide you with an update regarding National Cabinet's agreement to make it mandatory for all aged care workers to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by 17 September 2021.

WHEN:

From 17 September 2021, it will be mandatory for all residential aged care workers to have received a minimum first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

WHO

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination will apply to all people, including volunteers, working at a residential aged care facility who are responsible for resident care, support and services for residents, and maintenance and administration.

This includes nursing and personal care team members, allied health professionals, administration team, kitchen, cleaning, laundry and maintenance and grounds team members.

HOW

All residential aged care workers, irrespective of age, will be offered the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Workers can also choose to be vaccinated with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. GPs can continue to administer AstraZeneca to Australians under 60 years of age with informed consent.

BOOK YOUR VACCINATION

Register your interest

Step 1: Register you Interest and enter your personal details.

Select the cohort titled 'Residential Aged Care Worker'. *It is not mandatory* Step 2:

to enter your Medicare number or a registration code.

Step 3: You will be sent an email confirming your registration.

Book your appointment

Once you have registered your interest, you will be sent an email with instructions on how to book an appointment when clinic times and vaccines are available.

IMPORTANT: For those over 50 wishing to receive Pfizer/BioNTech they must select a vaccination clinic available to 'all ages' or 'under 50' when they make their booking.

EVIDENCE OF COVID VACCINATION

In the coming weeks, Sundale team members will need to provide evidence they have received a minimum first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

There are two ways team members can get online proof they have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

- COVID-19 digital certificate
- An immunisation history statement

Use the Australian Government's step-by-step guide to find out how you can <u>get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations</u> online.

The COVID-19 digital certificate only shows individuals COVID-19 vaccinations. Australians will be able to access their digital certificate once they have received all required doses of a vaccine as approved for use in Australia.

<u>Immunisation history statements</u> are linked to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and details the immunisations individuals have received.

Providers need to input vaccination details into the AIR before individuals can access proof. This can take a few days.

ADDITIONAL

Information about the vaccine, what to expect on the day of your vaccination and how Queensland Health is committed to protecting your privacy and confidentiality can be found here.

- Information on COVID-19 Pfizer (COMINARTY) vaccine
- Information on COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine
- Patient information on AstraZeneca vaccine and thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome
- Preparing for COVID-19 vaccination
- After your COVID-19 Pfizer (COMIRNATY) vaccination
- After your COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccination

Sundale will continue to work with the Commonwealth Government and Queensland Health and make responsible, considered decisions to help minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering any Sundale facilities.

Yours sincerely,

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