



COVID-19

Immediate Attention



# Chief Executive Update

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) update – 15 October 2021

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### Important improvements for health and safety

As you come into work in the coming days, you will notice some changes to ensure Monash Health continues to be a safe place for all – our employees, our patients and our community.

We are simplifying and updating our entry processes and signage, so it is clear for employees and other work-related people to know what they need to do *before* entering a Monash Health site.

These changes will also help us comply with the Chief Health Officer's direction on mandatory vaccination for healthcare workers.

### Simplified screening process and signage

Our entrance screening process will change from 9.30pm on Sunday 17 October 2021. This will be supported by simplified and clear signage.

**All employees, contractors (contracted by Monash Health), agency staff, students, researchers, volunteers, and delivery drivers who enter our facilities will now be required to complete a daily attestation** to indicate that you meet the requirements of the [CHO direction on mandatory vaccination](#) and are not inadvertently introducing known infection risks into a healthcare environment.

From 15 October 2021, to enter a Monash Health site you must:

- have had a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, or
- have a vaccination booking to occur by 29 October 2021.

From 29 October 2021, to enter a Monash Health site you must:

- have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and
- have a second vaccination booking to occur by 15 December 2021.

From 15 December 2021, to enter a Monash Health site you must:

- have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

## Improvements to attestation questions

Completing your attestation is an important step in keeping our health service and you safe.

The questions have changed and will take a little longer to complete, but answering them carefully is a safeguard to ensure we do not inadvertently bring COVID-19 into our healthcare environment.

The attestation will be updated from 9.30pm on Sunday 17 October 2021.

Please check each question carefully every time you complete your attestation.

You can complete the attestation before you arrive at the entrance to ensure you prevent crowding and delays.

Remember that you must not attend work if you:

- have symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- are awaiting a COVID-19 test result\*
- live with someone who is symptomatic and awaiting a COVID-19 test result\*
- have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or someone in isolation in the last 14 days (excluding patient care)\*
- have visited a public exposure site or an interstate risk zone during the listed times\*
- have returned from overseas in the last 14 days

\* unless cleared by Infection Prevention or the Employee COVID-19 Hotline.

## Accessing the attestation form

The updated [attestation form](#) will be accessible via QR code at site entrances. If you have saved the form link on your phone, the form will be updated automatically and it will continue to work.

## Advice for screening teams

[A fully updated suite of entrance posters and process documents for screening teams are available here](#)

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Chief Executive

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**All managers are requested to share these updates with their teams and discuss at stand-ups and handovers. Please print a copy and display it in communication books and on employee noticeboards.**

As advice and information evolve, please regularly consult the latest updates by visiting the [Victorian coronavirus website](#) and the [Monash Health COVID-19 website](#).

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