

Updated Pandemic Orders issued by Victorian Minister for Health

Updated Pandemic Orders made by the Minister for Health took effect from **11:59pm 4 February 2022** – with a common expiry date of **11:59pm 12 April 2022**.

Members should note that the update is minor, with **no substantive change** for the automotive industry.

The following list of orders have been added to the Pandemic Order Register which are of note to VACC members:

- [*Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(Specified Workers\) Order 2022 \(No. 3\)*](#)
- [*Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(General Workers\) Order 2022 \(No. 3\)*](#)
- [*Pandemic \(Open Premises\) Order 2022 \(No. 4\)*](#)
- [*Pandemic \(Quarantine, Isolation and Testing\) Order 2022 \(No. 5\)*](#)
- [*Pandemic \(Workplace\) Order 2022 \(No. 4\)*](#)
- [*Exemption of Specific Workers – Contacts Conditions and Other Directions \(No. 2\)*](#)

An updated summary of current COVID-19 testing, isolation and notification requirement FAQs is available [here](#) and includes recent clarifications from the Department of Health regarding self-quarantine requirements for close contacts.

Members are reminded that **COVIDSettings remain in effect**, which include employer requirements in relation to COVIDSafe Plans, face masks, record-keeping (e.g. Victorian Government QR Code system, vaccination status of specified workers, etc) and signage.

As previously noted, **Authorised Officers are continuing random audits** on businesses throughout Victoria. Businesses who are unable to demonstrate their compliance (e.g. completed COVIDSafe Plan and/or vaccination status register of relevant employees, including working directors) for inspection on request, face an **on-the-spot fine** of up to **\$10,904** or up to **\$21,809** for serious offences. VACC encourages members to contact the **VACC OHSE Unit on 03 9829 1265** should they require any assistance.

VACC will continue to engage with Victorian Government officials and will keep members advised of developments. In the interim, members seeking further information are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or ir@vacc.com.au.

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