

## Updated Pandemic Orders issued following Victorian Premier's extension to Pandemic Declaration

Following the recently [announced](#) 3-month extension to the Pandemic Declaration by the Victorian Premier under section 165AE of the Victorian *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, updated Pandemic Orders made by the Minister for Health took effect from 11:59pm 12 January 2022 – with a common expiry date of **11:59pm 12 April 2022**.

With the exception of the change to the nominal expiry date, the only **substantive change** to the Pandemic Orders affecting the automotive industry is that an **employer's obligation to notify** the **Department of Health** of a confirmed COVID-19 case (i.e. positive COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen test result) now arises when **at least 5 confirmed cases attended the work premises within a 7-day period**. Employers must still notify WorkSafe.

**A more detailed summary of current COVID-19 testing, isolation and notification requirements is available [here](#)**

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 \(No. 2\)\*](#)
- [\*Pandemic COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(General Workers\) Order 2022 \(No. 2\)\*](#)
- [\*Pandemic \(Movement and Gathering\) Order 2022 \(No. 3\)\*](#)
- [\*Pandemic \(Open Premises\) Order 2022 \(No. 3\)\*](#)
- [\*Pandemic \(Quarantine, Isolation and Testing\) Order 2022 \(No. 4\)\*](#)
- [\*Pandemic \(Workplace\) Order 2022 \(No. 3\)\*](#)

Members are also reminded that other COVIDSettings remain in effect and are encouraged to contact the **VACC OHSE Unit** on 03 9829 1265 for any further information or assistance in relation to COVIDSafe Plans, appropriate control and/or risk management measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at the work premises and reporting obligations.

VACC will continue to engage with Victorian Government officials over the coming days and will keep members advised of developments. In the interim, members seeking further advice or assistance are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or [ir@vacc.com.au](mailto:ir@vacc.com.au).

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