

Influenza vaccination requirements 2022 – for employees

AHPPC recommends that vaccination against influenza continues to be strongly encouraged for the broader community through existing mechanisms, including general practices and pharmacies, and should not be delayed just so that it can be co-administered with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Jurisdiction	Requirements	Link
ACT	Nil	
NSW	Nil	
NT	Residential aged care workers: Part 2 Entry requirements 4 (c) a person who does not have an up-to-date vaccination against influenza, if the vaccination was available to the person and the person was able to receive it.	Directions for Aged Care Facilities (No 141)
QLD	Nil	
SA	You cannot enter an aged care facility if : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ you are a close contact of a COVID-19 case and have been with them in the preceding 14 days of entry or ■ you have a temperature higher than 38 degrees Celsius, history of fever or chills within the preceding 72hours, or have symptoms of acute respiratory infection or loss of taste or smell ■ by 10 June 2022, you have not received the 2022 influenza vaccination if you have undertaken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the test result, unless part of routine surveillance testing and are not displaying symptoms. 	Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 49) (COVID-19) Direction
TAS	Nil	
VIC	Private residential aged care providers Nil	
	Public residential aged care providers Workers in public residential aged care facilities are captured under the VIC requirements for Vaccination for healthcare workers (https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/vaccination-for-healthcare-workers). From 8 April 2022: The vaccination is required for healthcare workers whose role requires them to have direct physical contact with patients, clients, deceased persons or body parts, blood, body substances, infectious material, or surfaces. This also includes workers interacting with any equipment that may contain any of these, or where a healthcare worker is required to work in a clinical area where they may be exposed to infections spread by droplets, such as influenza. Healthcare workers to whom the Directions apply will be required to be vaccinated by 15 August 2022 and annually thereafter.	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/as-made/acts/health-services-amendment-mandatory-vaccination-healthcare-workers-act-2020

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<p>WA</p>	<p>Residential aged care workers:</p> <p>7. A person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a residential aged care facility in the State of Western Australia if the person has not had an up to date vaccination against influenza unless</p> <p>(a) The person's presence at the premises is required for the purposes of emergency management, law enforcement or otherwise responding to an emergency; or</p> <p>(b) A vaccination against influenza is not reasonably available to the person; or</p> <p>(c) The person has a documented medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine.</p> <p>Advice from CHO regarding date deadline for Flu Vax as at 13/04/22</p> <p>The current influenza vaccine is now reasonably available and if this is accessible to a visitor they should be vaccinated. The Australian Department of Health has stated that influenza vaccines under the National Immunisation Program are expected to be available from April, but timing may be different for local areas. Exemptions due to vaccination against influenza not being reasonably available to a person should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities Directions No. 12</p>