

Friday 24th September 2021 (following on from Friday 10th September, 2021)

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Vaccinations and your Business Your role as a business owner

All Australians over the age of 12 now have access to a free COVID-19 vaccine.

Everything is pointing towards essential industry workers having to be double vaccinated (along with some restrictions on customers).

It's important for you to know your rights and obligations regarding vaccinations for your workplace and your employees and understand where to find the most accurate information. At the below link you will find the latest information from the Federal Government.

https://business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/covid-19-vaccinations-and-your-business

NSW

Brewarrina, Gilgandra, Albury, Orange, Glen Innes and Lismore out of lockdown

From today the Local Government Areas of Brewarrina, Gilgandra, Albury and Lismore are out of lockdown. Restrictions continue to apply for movement and actions, but the stay at home order is removed. The settings will match the other NON restricted regional areas.

For more information see; https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/limited-restrictions

NSW

Cowra, Tweed, Byron Bay and Kempsey now in lockdown

From 21/9/2021 the Tweed, Byron Bay and Kempsey Local Government Area have gone into lockdown for 7 days. The settings match the other restricted regional areas (same as Greater Sydney without the Authorised Worker provisions).

For more information see; https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/limited-restrictions

NSW Mandatory Vaccines

When the State reaches 70% double dose..... The Public Health Order has not been released yet, but the Premier stated clearly in her press conference;

"At 70% if you are not vaccinated, it will be the law, you cannot attend venues. It is very clear. It is black and white, there is no grey. At 70% double dose all staff and all patrons will have to be vaccinated" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cpRMobMkpY)

ALL STAFF AT ALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE OPEN WHEN NSW HITS 70% DOUBLE DOSE WILL NEED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED – expected mid October 2021

VIC

Border changes for fully vaccinated Victorians

Victorians who are currently in an Extreme Zone (Sydney) will be eligible to return home, and isolate at home from 30/9/2021 provided they are fully vaccinated.

For more information see; https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/pathway-vaccinated-victorians-come-back-home

VIC

Lockdown for Geelong, Surf Coast and Mitchell Shires

From 20/9/2021 the Shires of Geelong, Surf Coast and Mitchell are in a 7 day lockdown. The settings in these Local Government Areas will be the same as in Melbourne and Ballarat, including the Authorised Worker Permits, but the curfew will not apply to these areas.

For more information see; https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings

NT

Mandatory Vaccines for Transport Workers

The "Roadmap" for the Northern Territory beyond 80% double dose vaccination has been released. The Direction that will bring the Roadmap into force has not been published yet, but the messaging is that when the Direction is published it will require workers in the critical infrastructure and transport to be fully vaccinated.

Restrictions by State

New South Wales

General Covid information – https://www.nsw.gov.au/

Victoria

General Covid information – https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/

Queensland

• General Covid information – https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions

Northern Territory

General Covid information – https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions

South Australia

General Covid information – https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/

Tasmania

General Covid information – https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/

Western Australia

• General Covid information – https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus

COVID-19 Facts and Figures

Click here to visit:

https://covidlive.com.au/

Mental Health Resources

- <u>Black Dog Institute</u> is a free online clinic providing a mental health assessment tool and other support services.
- Head to Health can help you find digital mental health and wellbeing resources.
- <u>Lifeline</u> (13 11 14 operates 24/7) provides crisis support and suicide prevention services.
- RUOK? inspires and empowers everyone to meaningfully connect with people and support anyone who may be struggling with life.
- <u>ReachOut</u> provides practical tools and support to help young people get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.
- <u>Kids Helpline</u> (1800 55 18 00 operates 24/7) is a telephone counselling support line for children and young people ages 5 to 25.

Facemasks

Pacific Optics have full availability of face for UCB Customers.

Click on the image for further information.



Social Distancing Decals

The Social Distancing Floor stickers have been a hit at sites and do clean up well with a multi surface spray.

After many request from our Members, UCB have reprinted our social distancing stickers. Look out for them in your October Promotional Pack and replace them around your store as needed.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact your UCB BMM.



Hand Sanitiser Stations

We have attached an order form on image, which shows the four different types of Sanitiser Stations available from one of our partners, SPOS Group, along with a kit which can be customised.

They allow our members a further way to improve our responsible response to Covid-19 and to safeguard further our staff and our customers. Bulk Hand Sanitiser Fluid is available through SPOS as well as our other Trade Partners as we have previously notified in the Covid-19 Daily Update.

Click on the image for further information.



Stay Safe, Stay Strong Support Your Local!

Sincerely, Darren Park

