

Priority COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare workers

All healthcare workers are a priority group for vaccination against COVID-19.

Vaccination is especially important for healthcare workers because they come in to contact with a lot of people and are more at risk of catching and spreading the virus.

From the end of September 2021, all healthcare workers will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to ensure the safety of staff and patients in public and private health facilities across NSW.

Healthcare employees will need to obtain a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by 30 September 2021 and be fully vaccinated (two doses) by 14 November 2021 to continue to work.

Am I considered a healthcare worker?

The mandatory vaccination requirement will apply to all staff* working in connection with a health agency, including:

- Public Health Organisations (Local Health Districts, Specialty Health Networks (SHNs), Pillars and Affiliated Health Organisations)
- NSW Ministry of Health
- Health Administration Corporation (HAC) entities, Ambulance Service, NSW Health Pathology, HealthShare, Health Protection, Health Infrastructure, Health Professionals Councils Authority (HPCA)
- All staff working at a Private Health Facility (licensed under the Private Health Facilities Act) both private hospitals and day procedures
- Students in clinical placements in private facilities.

*Staff includes employees, Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs), volunteers, contractors, and students. Work is defined broadly to cover employees, contractors, VMOs, visiting practitioners, volunteers and students undertaking clinical placements.

The Order does not include private primary care providers such as GPs. [Disability workers](#) and [aged care workers](#) are covered by different public health orders and have different requirements.

How do I book a priority appointment?

If you are unable to book a vaccination appointment through any other channel before the required date, you may be able to access a healthcare worker vaccination appointment through the NSW Health Local Health Districts (LHDs).

Availability of these appointments may be limited - contact the appropriate LHD vaccination team on the details below. Proof of occupation (ID card or letter from employer) will be required to demonstrate eligibility.

LHD vaccination team contacts

Local Health District	Phone contact	Email contact
Central Coast		CCLHD-COVAXHub@health.nsw.gov.au
Far West	1800 602 001	FWLHD-COMMUNITYVACCINATION@health.nsw.gov.au
Hunter New England	1800 570 575	HNELHD-COVIDClinicBookingChange@health.nsw.gov.au
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1300 096 365	ISLHD-COVIDVax@health.nsw.gov.au
Murrumbidgee	1800 831 099	MLHD-COVID-19@health.nsw.gov.au
Mid-North Coast		MNCLHD-ConsumerRelations@health.nsw.gov.au
Nepean Blue Mountains		NBMLHD-COVID19@health.nsw.gov.au
Northern NSW	1800 438 829	https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-vaccinations/
Northern Sydney		NSLHD-COVIDVaccinationEnquiries@health.nsw.gov.au
Sydney Children Hospitals Network		SCHN-EOC@health.nsw.gov.au
South Eastern Sydney		SESLHD-COVID19StaffVaccination@health.nsw.gov.au
Sydney		SLHD-COVIDVaxRegistration@health.nsw.gov.au
Southern NSW	1800 318 248	SNSWLHD-Covid-Vax@health.nsw.gov.au
St Vincent's Hospital Network		SVHNSCOVIDVax@svha.org.au
South Western Sydney	1300 056 676	SWSLHD-EOC-CoVaxBookings@health.nsw.gov.au
Western NSW	02 6809 6221	WNSWLHD-Vaccination@health.nsw.gov.au
Western Sydney		WSLHD-COVIDVaccinationBooking@health.nsw.gov.au