



23rd March 2022

RE: Mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for P&C Volunteers

On 30 November 2021 the Premier announced a new Health Direction for workers in high-risk settings. From 23 January 2022, mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all people delivering a service at a school or an early childhood education and care setting. This includes contractors, volunteers, regulators, and auditors.

The **Forest Lake State School P&C Association** is required to comply with the requirements and all people who are delivering a service, including volunteers, must have had their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination by **17 December 2021** and the second completed by **23 January 2022**.

Further clarification from P&C Qld has since been sought as to whether P&C Executives and P&C Members must be vaccinated to attend P&C Meetings. It has now been clarified that the interpretation with the extension of the PHD to be 'users and workers' is **P&C Executives and Members are defined as workers (volunteers) under the PHD**. As such, if they are on a school site in their capacity as a member, they must be fully vaccinated. This applies whether it is within school hours, or after school hours.

There is no requirement for individuals to be vaccinated to become members of the P&C or hold an executive position. ***Unvaccinated P&C members and executives can attend meetings that are either held virtually or off site.***

P&Cs Qld will continue working with the Department of Education and Queensland Health on the interpretation and application of the directive in the best interest of P&C Associations.

If you have any further enquiries in relation to the interpretation of the Public Health Directive, please visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au or call 134 COVID (13 42 68)

Volunteers are required to show evidence of their vaccination status and as soon as reasonably practicable after each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the worker must show evidence of having received the COVID-19 vaccine dose.

There are 3 ways that employees may show proof of vaccination. These include:

- A COVID-19 digital certificate.
- Your immunisation history statement.
- An International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate for overseas travel.

This evidence will only be sighted, a copy of the evidence will not be taken.

Thank you and we appreciate your understanding

Forest Lake State School P&C Association