

23 September 2021

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to remind all staff of the requirements under the [Public Health \(COVID-19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers\) Order 2021 \(PH Order\)](#). We want all our staff to be able to continue to work and recognise and appreciate the extremely important role every one of you plays in keeping our patients and communities safe. I thank you for your support in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, to continue to work on or after 30 September 2021, you must have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

To ensure South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) is compliant with the PH Order, we have undertaken a review of our vaccination records. If our records show that you are not vaccinated **you will receive a letter today**. If you receive a letter it means that we have no evidence that you comply with the requirements of the PH Order.

If you have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine please advise us by e-mailing your evidence to the e-mail address below before 29 September 2021:

SESLHD-PeopleandCultureExecutiveCorrespondence@health.nsw.gov.au

Medical Exemption

The PH Order contains an exemption which applies only if you have a medical contraindication to the COVID-19 vaccines currently approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. If you have a medical contraindication, your medical practitioner will need to complete the medical contraindication form. You will then need to submit it to your manager.

The current form can be found at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/vaccine/Documents/covid-19-vaccine-contraindication.pdf>

Next steps

Information on booking for your vaccination or obtaining evidence that you have received your vaccination can be found on the SESLHD intranet site:

http://seslhdweb.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/COVID/vaccination_staff.asp

If you have evidence of your vaccination and have received a letter please forward your evidence before 29 September 2021 to:

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If you do not meet the requirements of the Public Health Order on 30 September, you will not be able to work with NSW Health. You will be placed on unpaid leave from this date.

I appreciate that this may be a difficult time for you and these new requirements may be challenging. It is important that you seek assistance if you feel that these matters are worrying you or otherwise affecting your health and wellbeing. If this occurs, I encourage you to seek assistance from a counsellor, your

GP/medical practitioner or other healthcare provider. Thank you again for your ongoing support through this difficult time.

Please contact your line manager for more information or to discuss your employment beyond 30 September 2021.

Yours faithfully

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