

Industry update

COVID-19 changes for construction

Thursday, 12th August 2021

Construction workers given priority vaccination this Sunday

Construction workers from local government areas most affected by the current COVID-19 outbreak will be prioritised at a dedicated vaccination hub this Sunday, 15 August at Sydney Olympic Park.

This includes workers from Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Paramatta and the suburbs of Caddens, Claremont Meadows, Colyton, Erskine Park, Kemps Creek, Kingswood, Mount Vernon, North St Marys, Orchard Hills, Oxley Park, St Clair and St Marys.

The clinic is located at 1 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park and will administer the AstraZeneca vaccine except for those over 39 years of age and Pfizer for those aged between 16 and 39.

How can construction personnel book an appointment?

To book an appointment use following links:

- Pfizer appointment booking People aged 16-39 years only: bit.ly/mycovaxvc8
- AstraZeneca appointment booking Anyone over 39 years: <u>bit.ly/mycovaxvc1</u>

Then, select the construction worker in the drop-down menu.

The vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park is easily accessible by car or public transport. Click here to plan your journey.

You will need to provide your white card or other evidence that you are a construction worker, with those under 18 also requiring evidence of their age.

If you have been identified as a close contact, have any COVID-19 symptoms or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test due to having symptoms, please do not to attend the vaccination hub. You can still attend if you are awaiting results from surveillance testing.

If you are unable to attend on Sunday, there are also walk-in AstraZeneca vaccination clinics for people over the age of 18 in the <u>most affected LGAs</u>.

You can also use the <u>NSW Health Website</u> to locate a growing number of locations across NSW to get vaccinated.

Vaccinated construction workers to return to work

The vaccination requirement is one of several changes to COVID-19 guidelines for the construction sector this week.

The changes mean construction workers from the local government areas (LGAs) of concern could return to work from yesterday Wednesday, 11 August provided they meet minimum vaccination requirements.

The vaccination requirements apply to those workers within the Canterbury-Bankstown, Parramatta, Fairfield, Campbelltown, Georges River, Cumberland, Blacktown and Liverpool areas as well as the 12 suburbs in the City of Penrith Local Government Area (LGA).

The requirements are as follows:

- Either two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or
- one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least three weeks before attending work, or
- one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and, if less than three weeks since that vaccine was administered, a COVID-19 test in the previous 72 hours.

Exemptions are in place for individuals with medical or other conditions that make vaccination unsuitable.

Construction workers in all other LGAs are also urged to get their vaccination as soon as possible.

For construction workers in regional and rural areas, please follow the rules for your area.

For further information on COVID-19 impacts on the transport infrastructure sector, please visit the <u>Transport Infrastructure Industry Portal</u>.