

5 October 2021

Dear Mambourin Community Member,

Re: Update on COVID-19 vaccine requirements

You may have heard that on 1 October 2021, the Government announced that all workers in Victoria who are on the Authorised Worker list will be required to be vaccinated. I'd like to provide you with an update on what this means for Mambourin.

Mambourin staff teams

Disability support workers are on the list of Authorised Workers. This means that all staff at Mambourin, including supported employees and trainees, are required by law to have their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday 15 October to continue working onsite. The Government has stated that all Authorised Workers will need to be fully vaccinated by 26 November.

Community members receiving supports

Many of our community members have received the vaccine – which is great to hear! Thank you to everyone who has already given us this information. If you need support to book or attend a vaccination appointment, please let us know.

While we maintain your right to choose whether or not you are vaccinated, we do ask that you inform your local hub manager if you have received your COVID-19 vaccine, or if you have received an official medical exemption. We have attached a form along with this letter for you to provide this information to Mambourin by Friday 15 October if you have not already done so.

This information enables us to keep a confidential list of who has the vaccine in the event of a suspected infection at Mambourin or a close contact. This also assists us with planning for when lockdown ends, and we are able to provide more activities in the community.



Community access activities

The Government has indicated in their roadmap, that entertainment and recreation venues such as swimming pools and gyms, cinemas, restaurants, and so on, may require proof of vaccination or medical exemption to enter. While we don't have all the details of how this will affect us just yet, we are starting to plan for our return to services and your assistance in providing your vaccine status will help us to prepare. This will also ensure eligible people don't miss out on any activities they may want to participate in.

Questions and resources

I understand that many people are worried or confused about getting the vaccine. If you have questions or concerns, we strongly encourage you to speak to your doctor. We also have some useful links to trustworthy resources for people with disability on our website, as well as a video of two of our community members discussing their experience getting vaccinated. You can find these at: mambourin.org/covid-vaccine.

Getting the COVID vaccine is voluntary. While we encourage those who can, to get vaccinated, it is important to stress that people who choose not to receive a vaccine will not be treated any differently.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your local hub manager or email me directly at CEO@mambourin.org. You can also call the Disability Gateway Helpline on 1800 643 787.

We look forward to opening up and returning to services once Victoria has reached the Government's vaccination targets. Thank you for your efforts to keep everyone in our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rohan Braddy".

Rohan Braddy
Chief Executive Officer

