

6 July 2021

## Vaccination requirements for students undertaking clinical placements in Queensland

Queensland Health is continuing to actively respond to the declared public health emergency in relation to COVID (19).

From 8pm Wednesday, 7 July 2021 until 6pm Friday, 16 July 2021 any students who are on a clinical placement in connection with an enrolled course of study **must be fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 before they may be permitted to enter a Queensland Health facility, private health facility, residential aged care, disability accommodation service, or correctional center for the purposes of a placement.

Being fully vaccinated means having both doses of either Pfizer or AstraZeneca. A student should not be taken to be vaccinated if they have only had one dose and are awaiting a second dose. Also, students who cannot be vaccinated due to a contraindication will not be permitted to enter the facilities listed above, while restricted, for the purposes of the placement.

This applies to **all** students attending a clinical placement within one of the following Local Government Areas (LGAs) as per the [Restrictions for Impacted Areas Direction \(No.5\)](#):

- Brisbane City Council
- Gold Coast City Council
- Ipswich City Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City Council
- Moreton Bay Regional Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Redland City Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Townsville City Council (including Magnetic Island)

It is appreciated that this change in access to clinical placements for students may initially cause disruption. However, this measure only applies while a facility is restricted. Currently, restrictions are expected to be in place for the 13 LGAs listed above until 6:00pm on 16 July 2021, pending the COVID-19 situation across the state.

It is understood that university staff may also be required to attend Queensland Health facilities to supervise a student on placement. The vaccination requirement does not currently apply to university staff.

Decisions regarding the public health response, and the impact that this may have on essential healthcare and clinical placements, are made by the Chief Health Officer to ensure the continued safety of Queensland communities.

The relevant Public Health Directions have been updated to reflect the vaccination requirement for students on clinical placements in the 13 LGAs. Please continue to access these at

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers>

## Summary of requirements

- The new student vaccination requirement applies from 8pm Wednesday, 7 July to 6pm Friday, 16 July 2021.
- This applies to **all** students attending clinical placement at **any** Queensland Health facility, private health facility, residential aged care, disability accommodation service, or correctional center for the purposes of a placement.
- Students must be fully vaccinated, meaning they have received both doses of the relevant vaccine.

## Enquiries

Queensland Health staff, education providers and health students should refer to the following links for up-to-date information regarding clinical placements at Queensland Health facilities:

- <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new>
- <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements>

Please direct enquiries to the Allied Health Professions' Office of Queensland, by email [allied\\_health\\_advisory@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:allied_health_advisory@health.qld.gov.au).