

Updated COVID-19 information for NSW team members

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There are some changes coming into effect from 28 August 2021 that will impact our Linfox and BevChain team members in NSW. To ensure we continue to keep ourselves, our team-mates, families and our wider community safe, please read the information below carefully.

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What is changing?

The NSW Government now requires team members to hold a **travel registration** permit. Read more below.

From **Thursday 9 September 2021** there are **vaccination requirements** for team members who live in an LGA of concern and need to **leave** for work.

To obtain a travel registration permit, these authorised workers must also have:

- At least **one dose** of a COVID-19 vaccine **or**
- An appointment booked to be vaccinated on or before 19 September 2021 **or**
- An **exemption** for medical reasons (medical contraindication form).

From **Monday 20 September**, you will need to show proof you have received at least **one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine** or obtained a **COVID-19 Medical Contraindication Form**.

Permitted workers who do not live in an LGA of concern but enter one for work will require a travel registration permit but are not subject to the above vaccination requirements.

Who is required to obtain a travel registration permit?

NSW team members **MUST** obtain a **travel registration permit** if you:

- Live in a Local Government Area (LGA) of concern and need to **leave it** for work, including going to another LGA of concern (authorised workers)
- **Enter** an LGA of concern for work, but don't live in one (permitted workers), and
- Are from a non-LGA of concern and you need to travel **more than 50km** outside of Greater Sydney for work (also known as a regional permit).

Note: Greater Sydney does NOT include Shellharbour and the Central Coast for the purposes of this travel registration.

When do I need to renew my travel registration?

Travel registration is valid for **14 days**, at which point you will need to reapply.

You **must** carry your travel registration and supporting documents with you at all times.

You may be required to **show your travel registration** when you arrive at work or when requested by NSW Police.

What do I need to complete my travel registration?

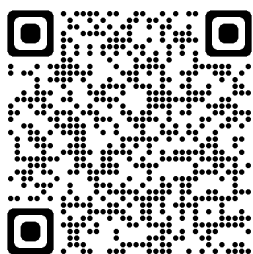
- a MyServiceNSW Account – you can create one when you start your registration
- your name, address, email and contact number
- your reason for travel
- the company name if you're travelling for work

- your travel details (where you will be staying, working or visiting)
- your travel dates.

How do I complete my travel registration?

- Visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/register-your-travel-within-nsw>
- Check you meet the eligibility requirements
- Select the 'Register online' button
- Log in, or create your MyServiceNSW Account
- Follow the prompts to complete your registration
- If successful, you'll receive your travel registration by email.

Note that penalties apply for breaching the Public Health Order or providing false or misleading information. You may be liable for a fine of up to \$22,000 or up to 2 years in prison.



Complete your travel registration via QR code or visit the link above.

What if I'm planning to visit multiple work-related addresses?

For authorised workers (drivers) who are planning to visit multiple work-related addresses that may not be known prior to completing the travel registration permit, it's recommended that they select 'Authorised worker with unknown work addresses' as their 'Reason for Travel'.

For those who know all their work-related addresses when completing the travel registration permit, they should select 'Authorised worker' and then enter each address as required.

What if I don't have a smartphone or online access?

If you're unable to register online, an over the phone option will be available in late August. In the meantime, please contact your Site Manager if you need assistance.

Will I still need an Authorised Worker Letter?

Yes. Your Authorised Worker Letter MUST still be carried at all times in the event you need to provide it as additional evidence while travelling. If you need one, please contact your Linfox/BevChain HR Business Partner, site manager or your recruitment agency.

What do I need to carry with me while travelling?

As of Saturday 28 August 2021, if you leave or enter one of the NSW LGAs of concern you MUST be able to show your:

1. COVID-19 travel registration

2. Authorised Worker Letter

From **Thursday 9 September**, you should also be prepared to **show evidence** that you have either:

- Received at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **or**
- An appointment booked to be vaccinated on or before 19 September 2021 **or**
- Obtained a COVID-19 Medical Contraindication Form (filled out by a medical practitioner if you have a medical reason not to get vaccinated)

From **Monday 20 September**, you will need to show proof you have received at least **one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine** or obtained a **COVID-19 Medical Contraindication Form**.

For those living in Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains and Wollongong) **and** who travel 50km or more outside of Greater Sydney, the requirement to **get tested every 7 days** remains the same. As such, you should continue to carry evidence of testing including your results.

Visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/authorised-workers/greater-sydney-workers> for more information.

What are the Local Government Areas of concern?

- Bayside
- Blacktown
- Burwood
- Campbelltown
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Cumberland
- Fairfield
- Georges River
- Liverpool
- Parramatta
- Penrith for the following suburbs: Caddens, Claremont Meadows, Colyton, Erskine Park, Kemps Creek, Kingswood, Mount Vernon, North St Marys, Orchard Hills, Oxley Park, St Clair and St Marys.
- Strathfield

LGAs of concern are listed at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-area>.

Updated: COVID-19 vaccination and testing for team members

From **Thursday 9 September 2021** there are **vaccination requirements** for team members who live in an LGA of concern and need to **leave** for work.

To obtain a travel registration permit, these authorised workers must also have:

- At least **one dose** of a COVID-19 vaccine **or**
- An appointment booked to be vaccinated on or before 19 September 2021 **or**
- An **exemption** for medical reasons (medical contraindication form).

Permitted workers who do not live in an LGA of concern but enter one for work will require a travel registration permit but are not subject to the above vaccination requirements.

Testing is not an alternative to vaccination.

What if I haven't been able to get vaccinated by Monday 20 September and I do not have an exemption for medical reasons?

If you have been unable to get vaccinated before Monday 20 September, you should immediately talk to your leader about your options.

If you live in an LGA of concern, you must not attend work from Monday 20 September unless you have an accurate travel registration permit, which requires that you have had your first COVID-19 vaccination or a Medical Contraindication Form signed by a medical practitioner. There are significant penalties for those who do not follow these requirements by NSW Health.

Please be aware that if you do not meet these requirements and cannot attend work, you will be considered absent and will not be paid for the time you have not attended work. Contact your manager by Sunday 19 September if this applies to you.

What evidence of vaccination or exemption do I need?

When **leaving** one of the LGAs of concern, you will be required to:

- carry evidence of your vaccination or Medical Contraindication Form, **and**
- produce that evidence to your employer, the occupier of your place of work, a police officer or an authorised officer, if requested, **and**
- carry proof of your address.

When **entering** one of the LGAs of concern, you will be required to:

- produce that evidence to your employer, the occupier of your place of work, a police officer or an authorised officer, if requested, **and**
- carry proof of your address.

Visit the NSW Government website to find out more:

<http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw/covid-19-vaccination-for-workers>

Priority Pfizer vaccination appointments are available for all authorised workers aged over 16 living in LGAs of concern.

For authorised workers outside these LGAs, AstraZeneca appointments are immediately available for anyone in NSW aged 18 and over. Book now through the [eligibility checker](#).

This is available at <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility?lang=en>

Where can I get vaccinated?

To book an appointment, visit the NSW Government website and follow the instructions below.

<http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw/authorised-worker-priority-appointments>. Find out where to get vaccinated via the QR code below.



How can I prove I've been vaccinated?

You can get an **immunisation history statement** or **COVID-19 digital certificate** from the Australian Immunisation Register to show proof of your vaccinations.

- *Immunisation history statement:*
Your immunisation history statement shows all the immunisations you've had that are on the Australian Immunisation Register. Please note, your recent vaccinations may take a few days to appear on your immunisation history statement.

Find out more:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/what-immunisation-history-statement>



Access your immunisation history statement via the QR code above.

- *COVID-19 digital certificate*
The COVID-19 digital certificate only shows your COVID-19 vaccinations. You'll be able to get your digital certificate after you've had **all** required doses of a vaccine. Your provider needs to input your vaccination details to the Australian Immunisation Register so you can get proof. **Please note, this can take a few days.**

If you can't get proof online, your vaccination provider can print your immunisation history statement for you.

How do I access my immunisation history statement?

You can get your immunisation history statement using either:

- your Medicare online account through <https://my.gov.au/>
- [Medicare mobile app](#)

If you need help getting proof of vaccination, call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) on **1800 653 809**.

How do I set up a myGov account?

To set up your myGov account, visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/create-mygov-account>.

How do I prove I have a medical reason for not getting vaccinated?

If you have a medical reason why you cannot receive a vaccination, you need to obtain an exemption from a medical practitioner, such as your doctor. Your doctor must fill out a **COVID-19 vaccine Medical Contraindication Form** approved by the NSW Chief Health Officer.

You may be required to **produce this as evidence** so you should carry a copy with you at all times.

When do I need to get a COVID-19 test?

- For those living in Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains and Wollongong) **and** who travel 50km or more outside of Greater Sydney, the requirement to **get tested every 7 days** remains the same.
- As always, if you have even the mildest cold or flu symptoms, have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or visited an exposure site, **please do not attend work**. If you are at work and feel unwell, leave immediately and advise your site manager or supervisor. You should then isolate, get tested for COVID-19 and if you receive a negative result, speak to your line manager about return-to-work requirements.

How do I get a COVID-19 test?

COVID-19 testing is available at Linfox's Erskine Park testing hub or you can continue getting tested at an approved customer or public testing site.

How do I get tested at Linfox's Erskine Park site?

The Linfox testing service is available to all employees, agency casuals, subcontractor drivers and authorised contractors. Please bring your Authorised Worker Letter and your Medicare card.

Testing is available Monday to Saturday, 11am-5.30pm. The service is not available on Sunday. Those who are arriving in either a heavy or light commercial vehicle should park in Fox Lane and walk into the site via the main gate.

What evidence of testing do I need?

For those who are getting a COVID-19 test, you **must carry proof** of your test which can include:

- **SMS text message** on your phone
- **Email confirmation** of your test and/or test results
- You may be asked to **show proof** of your test when you:
- Arrive at **work**, or
- When requested by a **police** officer.

What do I need to produce on arrival to work?

1. Your current **COVID-19 travel registration permit** (if you live and/or work in an LGA of concern)
2. **Authorised Worker Letter**
3. You should also **be prepared to show** evidence that you have either:
 - Received at least **1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or**
 - An appointment booked to be vaccinated on or before 19 September 2021 **or**
 - Obtained a **COVID-19 Medical Contraindication Form** (filled out by a medical practitioner if you have a medical reason not to get vaccinated).

For those living in Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains and Wollongong) and who travel 50km or more outside of Greater Sydney, the requirement to **get tested every 7 days** remains the same.

Your COVID-19 immunisation history statement or COVID-19 digital certificate are both available via your MyGov account <https://my.gov.au/>.