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COVID-19 VACCINATION BOOSTER REQUIREMENT IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

The <u>Emergency Management (Healthcare Setting Workers Vaccination No 5)</u> (<u>COVID-19</u>) <u>Direction 2022</u> has today been signed to come into effect at the end of January 2022. This Direction has been updated to require people working in healthcare settings to have a booster of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine.

All Healthcare Workers must have had, or have evidence of a booking to have, a booster dose within four weeks of becoming eligible. People aged 18 years and over are eligible to receive the booster dose four months after receiving the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

This requirement will come into effect on 29 January 2022.

A person may continue to engage in work or perform duties under the Direction if they have an exemption endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO). The SA Health Chief Public Health Officer Immunisation Exemption Application Form must be completed by a legally qualified medical practitioner and sent to Health.NJNPExemptions@sa.gov.au.

The Direction and FAQs are available at covid-19.sa.gov.au.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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