

COVID-19: Development Industry Update

Members Update

Monday August 9, 2021

At the regular meeting with senior Government representatives this afternoon to discuss the Construction industry Health Orders - the following matters were discussed. Government officials advised the following.

The Health Orders are expected to be completed and published late tomorrow (Tuesday) with effect from Wednesday. All the details of the new arrangements will be in those Orders. SafeWork and Service NSW have been part of the discussions and inspectors should be aware of the rules.

As announced by the Government on Saturday, the Orders are expected to advise that:

- All sites in all of Greater Sydney will be required to operate with 50% of the pre-COVID maximum worksite staff on site. The 50% is to be calculated based on the expected maximum number of workers (on any day), professions, management and staff on-site for the construction program for that site.
- Strict adherence to check-in procedures will be mandated (QR codes compliance, knowing who is on site and their vaccination status, complying with the Construction Industry checklist and the site COVID safe plan).
- The requirement for vaccination applies to those staff that reside within a restricted LGA. Those from within the nominated restricted LGAs must:
 - Be fully vaccinated with 2 vaccination shots; OR
 - Have had 1 vaccination more than 21 days (three weeks) ago; OR
 - Have had one vaccination less than 21 days ago AND also have a recent COVID Test with a negative result.
- “Construction workers” will refer to all personnel who visit any construction site.

The reason for the selection of a 50% cap was to limit movement across Sydney generally. This was a requirement for opening-up construction sites from Health NSW and the NSW Government.

A special “Super Sunday” will be made available for vaccines for construction workers at Sydney Olympic Park next Sunday. However, it was noted that the vast majority of construction workers will get the vaccine from their local GP or Pharmacy and this is encouraged.

As soon as the NSW Government completes the Health Orders, these will be placed on our web-site and they will also be made available on the NSW Government web site.

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