



Managing school site access and vaccinations

On the 11th December 2021, the Queensland Government issued a [direction](#) regarding the vaccination of persons entering high risk settings, which includes schools, out of school hours care, and early childhood and learning centres. From the 17th December 2021, any service providers entering high risk settings will need to provide evidence of at least one approved COVID-19 vaccination, and will need to provide evidence of being fully vaccinated by 11:59pm 23rd January 2022. The vaccination requirements do not apply to visitors.

For example:

1. A plumber, IT technician, gardener, consultant or a volunteer will need to be vaccinated and show evidence of this vaccination upon entry to site.
2. A parent coming onsite for a meeting, attend and assembly or pick up their child is not required to be vaccinated.
3. A parent coming onsite to assist in the tuckshop will need to be vaccinated.

The key deciding factor will be: Is the person providing a service?

Person	Check In QLD	School sign in	Vaccination
Visitors (incl. parents)	✓	✓	-
Parent/caregiver regular student pickup (from designated pick-up area, no building access)	-	-	-
Contractors and all other service providers	✓	✓	✓
Volunteers (inc. parent volunteers)	✓	✓	✓
University students on placement	✓	✓	✓
P&F meetings (outside school hours)	✓	-	-
Persons responding to an emergency	✓	-	-
After-hours access (venue hire etc.)	✓	-	-
Construction workers with a separate workspace (see section below)	-	-	-

Check In Qld

To assist schools in managing vaccination status for service providers, and to comply with timely and accurate contact tracing requirement, schools should use the Check In Qld app. QR codes for the schools check in should be clearly displayed at all publicly accessible entrances. With the exception of students and staff, persons entering the school must sign in using the Check In Qld app and the school sign in system, as per the table above.

Sign in procedure

With the exception of students and staff, persons entering the school must sign in using the Check In Qld app **and** the school sign in system, as per the table above. For most people, they can do this easily by doing the following:



- Scan the Check In Qld QR code and sign in
- Display their phone screen, showing they have checked in, as well as their vaccination status if applicable
- Sign in on the school sign in system (tablet)

Other evidence of vaccination

Other evidence of **COVID-19 vaccination** (printed or electronic) includes:

- a. written confirmation of **COVID-19 vaccination** provided to the person as part of the vaccination process, such as a record of vaccine card; or
- b. a COVID-19 digital certificate or printed vaccination certificate from the [Australian Immunisation Register](#); or
- c. an online or printed immunisation history statement for **COVID-19 vaccination**, including confirmation of a **medical contraindication**; or
- d. an **International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate**:
 - i. in a printed or electronic form from the Department of Home Affairs that confirms completion of an Australia Travel Declaration and vaccination against COVID-19 overseas; or
 - ii. through Medicare online account through myGov or the Medicare mobile app; or
 - iii. an official record of vaccination provided to the person when vaccinated against COVID-19 overseas.

What do I do if someone has no evidence of vaccination?

First of all, if the person is a visitor, and is not volunteering or providing a service, then they **do not** need to be vaccinated. If the person is volunteering or performing work and they have no evidence of full vaccination or a valid medical exemption, then they are not permitted to be onsite.

What if someone has a medical exemption?

Evidence of a medical contraindication will need to be a digital or paper COVID-19 vaccine medical exemption recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register. A letter from a medical practitioner does not qualify as a medical exemption.

Under the [direction](#), persons with a medical contraindication to the COVID vaccine will need to undergo a PCR test before attending site, wear a mask, and will be subject to a risk assessment. Due to these additional measures, contractors and service providers will need to discuss working arrangement in the school prior to arrival.

Construction workers within their own separate worksite

Workers within a construction site that is deemed separate to the school do not need to show evidence of vaccination. A separate worksite must:

- Not be occupied by school users
- Be physically separate from the school, through use of walls or fencing to prevent access to school users



- Have separate points of access that are not shared with the school

If a construction worker leaves their worksite to come onto school grounds, such as to meet with a school staff member, then they must be vaccinated.

Do emergency personnel need to be vaccinated when responding to an emergency?

No. Under s28 of the [direction](#), emergency response personnel do not need to be vaccinated, but they should notify the school of their vaccination status as soon as reasonably practicable. Checking in via the Check In Qld app should also be completed as soon as is practicable.

Why do after-hours access not require people to be vaccinated?

The vaccine requirement has been put in place to better protect staff, students and children in high-risk settings, where high interactivity, along with lower vaccination rates for children may increase transmissibility and risk. Activity outside of the high-risk setting may not incur the same risk, or impact essential services.