

COVID VACCINATION Q&A

DECEMBER 17, 2021, RESTRICTIONS



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CLUB VERSION

Racing Queensland (“RQ”) has previously announced that people will need to be fully vaccinated in order to attend race meetings from December 17, 2021. This Question & Answer document collates questions which have been asked by participants and provides guidance on the interpretation of the Public Health Direction and RQ’s response.

QUESTION RECEIVED	RACING QUEENSLAND RESPONSE
<p>1. What requirements apply from December 17, 2021?</p>	<p>From December 17, 2021, race meetings conducted in Queensland will become fully vaccinated events, including patrons, employees, racing participants and volunteers, and only those who are fully vaccinated will be permitted to attend. Venue restrictions will come into effect three hours prior to the first race at any meeting and will conclude two hours after the last.</p> <p>Links:</p> <p>https://www.racingqueensland.com.au/news/november-2021/rq-statement-on-vaccination</p> <p>https://www.gld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/queensland-restrictions-update/public-health-and-social-measures-linked-to-vaccination-status</p> <p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/public-health-and-social-measures-linked-to-vaccination-status-direction</p>
<p>2. What is the legal basis for this decision?</p>	<p><u>A public health direction taking effect on December 17, 2021, has been issued by the Chief Health Officer pursuant to the powers under s 362B of the <i>Public Health Act 2005</i> to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community. As a result, the requirements <u>are</u> legally binding on everyone in Queensland.</u></p> <p>A copy of the public health direction can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/public-health-and-social-measures-linked-to-vaccination-status-direction</p>
<p>3. Is a race meeting a restricted business?</p>	<p>Yes, because a race meeting is a hospitality venue and outdoor entertainment venue.</p>
<p>4. Do the restrictions apply to children?</p>	<p>No, the restrictions do not apply to children under the age of 16.</p>
<p>5. Do I still need to use the Check-In Qld App?</p>	<p>Yes. The existing obligation for businesses to use all reasonable efforts to electronically collect contact information about all guests, patrons and staff at the time of entry continue to apply.</p>
<p>6. Am I required to be vaccinated?</p>	<p>It is your choice whether to be vaccinated. However, if you wish to attend a restricted venue anywhere in Queensland you will need to be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>To enter a restricted venue, you must have had two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<p>7. Can RQ provide signage/notices to Clubs to place at entrances?</p>	<p>RQ is preparing signage for Clubs, which will be distributed to clubs.</p> <p>The Queensland Government has also provided signage, which can be displayed from now, advising of upcoming requirements, The signage is available here:</p> <p>https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/whs/resources-covid-19</p>

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<p>8. What assistance will RQ provide to Clubs to enforce compliance with these requirements?</p>	<p>RQ is providing this guidance to all Clubs to assist with their understanding of the Public Health Direction. RQ will also be able to provide further guidance on request where a Club has specific questions. Additional financial support is not being provided.</p> <p>RQ has also listened to feedback from Clubs about the costs incurred as a result of these requirements by Clubs and has approved additional funding of \$300 per race meeting for each Club for the period 17 December 2021 to 31 December 2021. This is a discretionary payment to apply while Clubs, patrons and participants become familiar with the new arrangements. However, ultimately responsibility for enforcing the rules at each venue lie with the venue operator under the Public Health Direction.</p>
<p>9. What checks must Clubs do?</p>	<p>A Club must make all reasonable efforts when anyone enters to confirm they meet the COVID-19 vaccination entry requirements by requesting and sighting proof of COVID-19 vaccination or evidence of medical contraindication (printed or electronic). This includes where a person is entering to undertake work. The Club should ask for evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status before work commences.</p> <p>Clubs will be compliant if they act as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display the vaccination rules at each entry • Ask for evidence of vaccination from everyone at the time of check-in • If a customer cannot or refuses to provide evidence, ask the person to leave the premises • If the person refuses to leave the premises, call the police <p>The onus will be on the person entering to show proof of their vaccination status.</p> <p>RQ does not expect business owners or staff to be the police. If there are customers refusing to comply, call the police.</p>
<p>10. What evidence of vaccination status is sufficient?</p>	<p>The following forms of evidence showing someone is fully vaccinated are sufficient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination information displayed on the Check in Qld app • Written confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination, such as a record of vaccine card • A COVID-19 digital certificate or printed vaccination certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register • An online or printed immunisation history statement for COVID-19 vaccination, including confirmation of a medical contraindication • An international COVID-19 vaccination certificate.
<p>11. Can clubs move the responsibility to any person entering to ensure they comply with restrictions, with random checks being undertaken by the club.</p>	<p>Clubs will need to do more than random checks and signage. Clubs will be compliant if they act as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display the vaccination rules at each entry • Ask for evidence of vaccination from everyone at the time of check-in • If a customer cannot or refuses to provide evidence, ask the person to leave the premises • If the person refuses to leave the premises, call the police
<p>12. Do the requirements apply to trackwork, trialling and other training activities?</p>	<p>Non-race day activities will be determined by each individual club and subject to Government requirements as apply to their venue.</p> <p>If a Club has unrestricted activities occurring on a non-race day, e.g. trackwork or a farmers market, as the primary activity on venue at that point in time, there would be no restriction mandated by the government Public Health Direction at that time. Clubs may choose, given the volume and variety of their activity, to restrict full time access to double vaccinated persons at all times. This may apply to venues that have hospitality activities throughout the week.</p>

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13. Can I choose not to get vaccinated, as I believe I have reasonable grounds?	<p>It is your choice whether to be vaccinated. However, if you wish to attend a restricted venue anywhere in Queensland you will need to be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>There are a small number of people who have genuine medical reasons for not being vaccinated. Evidence of a recognised medical contraindication means a COVID-19 vaccination medical exemption recorded by an eligible health professional on the Australian Immunisation Register for the person. A person who provides evidence of a medical contraindication is treated as if they are fully vaccinated.</p>
14. What can a club do if there is a critical workforce shortage?	<p>There are no exceptions if there is a critical worker shortage for hospitality businesses. There are some exceptions that apply to hospitals, aged care facilities and schools.</p>
15. Is anyone exempt from the requirements?	<p>A person who provides evidence recorded by an eligible health professional on the Australian Immunisation Register of a medical contraindication is treated as if they are fully vaccinated.</p> <p>The requirements do not apply to people under the age of 16 years or organised groups of primary school or secondary school children.</p> <p>The requirements do not apply to a person exercising law enforcement functions on behalf of a government agency, a person providing emergency services, or where it would present a risk to the person's safety.</p>
16. Will RQ or QRIC keep evidence of vaccination from industry participants?	<p>No. Racing Queensland and QRIC will not be keeping any records of vaccination of industry participants. Participants must have evidence of their vaccination status each time they enter a restricted venue.</p>
17. Will RQ mandate double vaccination for all industry participants?	<p>No. Racing Queensland is aligned with the Public Health Direction. Individuals have the choice whether or not to be vaccinated but will be restricted from entering race meetings under the Public Health Direction as they are hospitality venues and outdoor entertainment events.</p>
18. What right does Racing Queensland or a club have to access my private medical records?	<p>It is your choice whether to attend a restricted business where proof of double vaccination is required. If you choose not to disclose this information, you will not be able to enter a restricted venue.</p>
19. What privacy arrangements will be in place for information about my vaccination status?	<p>You only need to show proof of vaccination status on entry or upon request. Racing Queensland and a club will not need to keep a copy <u>for visitors</u>. <u>Clubs are required to keep records relating to staff</u>. You can choose to show your vaccination status by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding your vaccination status to the 'Check In Qld' app on your phone (Link: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld/digital-vaccination-certificate); or • Access your COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate through the Medicare app, from your Medicare-linked MyGov account, or My Health Record; or • Use a printed copy of your COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate, your immunisation history statement, or your international COVID-19 vaccination certificate.
20. The requirement for the racing industry to comply with a COVID Safe Industry Plan has been revoked. Why do these restrictions apply?	<p>COVID Safe Industry Plans have been replaced with broader requirements applying to all activities in Queensland. Race meetings involve both hospitality venues and outdoor entertainment venues, and therefore the racing industry must comply with the rules which apply to those venues.</p>