

COVID-19 Vaccination: Position

Introduction

Many jurisdictions in Australia have mandated vaccination against Coronavirus (COVID-19). This document defines the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) position on mandatory COVID-19 vaccination.

COVID-19 & Health Promotion

The health system, and population health professionals in Australia, have been at the forefront in the response to COVID-19. Internationally, COVID-19 has inequitably impacted populations who are socially and economically disadvantaged and those with pre-existing health conditions. This has also been the case in Australia where COVID-19 is now disproportionately impacting the vulnerable and the unvaccinated.

In addition to prevention activities, Health Promotion Practitioners play a critical role in the COVID-19 response, in particular supporting community members experiencing disadvantage, marginalisation and/or vulnerability as well as contributing to activities such as contact tracing.

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Vaccines are an important and evidence-based approach where the community can prevent the transmission of infectious viruses and diseases. Vaccination will play an instrumental role in managing the COVID-19 pandemic into the future, as it has done with a range of communicable diseases in the past.

AHPA's Position

AHPA supports the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments' position to vaccinate as many Australians as possible against COVID-19, including people engaged in the practice, research and study of health promotion.

- A vaccinated health promotion workforce will be able to continue to support our colleagues in the health system to protect the health of all Australians.
- Vaccination is a safe and highly effective measure to protect against the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19, and it can reduce the severity of the impact of COVID-19 on those who contract it.
- AHPA supports the vaccination policies of Australian jurisdictions as critical prevention and control strategies against COVID-19.

AHPA supports the evidence-based positions of the [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation](#) and the [Therapeutic Goods Administration](#).

More Information

More information about vaccination is available on the Federal [Department of Health](#) website. Information about vaccine mandates is available from your state or territory health department.

Feedback

If you have feedback, please contact national@healthpromotion.org.au

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