

COVID-19 Vaccinations FAQ

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Purpose

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions related to COVID-19 vaccinations in a Life Saving Victoria (LSV) and lifesaving club context.

Note: Information in this FAQ is current as of 14 October 2021. This FAQ is subject to change and will be updated based on the latest information available from the Victorian Government.

1. What is LSV's current position on COVID-19 vaccinations?

To comply with the latest Victorian Government roadmap, members, employees, industry and community partners, contractors and visitors **need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 from 26 October 2021** to be able to:

- attend an LSV or club facility;
- deliver an LSV or club service in person; or
- participate in an LSV or club activity in person.

2. Why do our people need to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

LSV and all our affiliated lifesaving clubs are required to comply with the Chief Health Officer's directions regarding vaccinations, in addition to other COVIDSafe measures, in order to protect public health and ensure the safety of all members, employees, industry and community partners, contractors and visitors, as well as the communities we live in and serve.

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3. Who does members, employees, industry and community partners, contractors and visitors include?

Members	All members, including but not limited to: patrolling members, trainers and assessors, coaches, age managers, council officers, committee members, administrators, officials, nippers, parents or guardians of nippers, athletes and social members
Employees	Full-time, part-time, and casual employees
Industry and community partners	LSV service members and licensees
Contractors	Anyone contracted to undertake work for or on behalf of LSV
Visitors	Anyone visiting an LSV or club facility or attending an activity in person

4. Does this apply to members aged 12 and over?

Highly likely. Based on the current advice from government in the latest Vaccinated Activity Direction (No. 3), we expect that from 26 October 2021, everyone aged 12 and over will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in various activities when restrictions ease.

We will advise of any changes to this position as the Chief Health Officer releases further information. However, it's important to note that these vaccination deadlines are imposed by Government, and LSV is unable change these deadlines. We strongly encourage families to ensure children aged 12 and over are vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as practically possible if they wish to comply with the anticipated requirements to enable them to attend lifesaving facilities and participate in lifesaving activities.

5. What if my child turns 12 during the season?

LSV recognises it takes time to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and anyone turning 12 in October 2021 or beyond will be impacted by this.

We expect further advice from government in terms of any grace periods for compliance after reaching the age requirement to be vaccinated. We will advise of any details as the Chief Health Officer releases further information.

6. Is there a COVID-19 vaccination requirement to participate in an SRC course or participate in a lifesaving patrol?

Yes. This includes members aged 13 and above, eligible to participate in an SRC course.

7. Are there any exceptions to the requirement to be vaccinated?

Yes. Based on the Victorian Government's COVID-19 Vaccinated Activities Directions (No. 3), exceptions apply for anyone:

- who has obtained certification from a medical practitioner that the person is unable, due to a medical contraindication (a condition or circumstance that suggests or indicates that a particular technique or drug should not be used), to receive a dose, or a further dose, of a COVID-19 vaccine;
- who is not eligible, due to their age, to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

8. Why is LSV's position effective from 26 October 2021?

The current [government roadmap for reopening](#) states that many activities and access to facilities that are relevant for LSV and life saving clubs (physical recreation and community sport, community facilities, swimming pools, hospitality) will be permitted for anyone who is fully vaccinated when restrictions ease, expected on 26 October 2021. As our people both facilitate and participate in LSV and club activities, LSV has interpreted this will be the most suitable date to capture our full scope of operations in accordance with the government roadmap.

9. Are there any exceptions for the vaccination requirement date of 26 October 2021?

Yes, based on certain conditions.

The Chief Health Officer has issued the [Mandatory Vaccination \(Worker\) Direction](#) for the purpose of imposing obligations upon employers in relation to the vaccination of workers (both paid and unpaid). As per the worker direction, there may be circumstances where the required date to be fully vaccinated may be extended to 26 November 2021. LSV will be able to inform you if this circumstance applies to you.

10. Can a club member continue their membership if they don't comply with LSV's current position as per the government roadmap?

Yes. It is expected that clubs will accept membership applications from unvaccinated members, however, such members will be unable to:

- attend an LSV or club facility;
- deliver an LSV or club service in person; or
- participate in an LSV or club activity in person.

11. Can club members receive refunds for their membership?

Yes, refunds are available as per the relevant club refund policy. A refund policy template is available from LSV for use by clubs.

12. As a paid or unpaid worker, what if I choose not to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and don't have a valid exemption?

If you do not intend to get the COVID-19 vaccine and you do not have a valid exception, you should advise your supervisor/club administrator and explain your reason as soon as possible. The requirement to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is an inherent work requirement and constitutes a lawful and reasonable direction. LSV is currently developing the policies that will guide members, employees, and supervisors/club administrators regarding this requirement, which we will share in the coming weeks.

13. Is it compulsory to tell LSV and my club if I am vaccinated or not?

Yes. Under the Chief Health Officer's directions, LSV and clubs are required to collect and store members' and employees' COVID-19 vaccination information. For this reason, it is compulsory to update your vaccination status, including your vaccination certificate document number.

14. How will the vaccination status be recorded and verified?

There will be two processes for recording and verifying members' and employees' vaccination status. Completing both processes will be required to attend all LSV and club facilities, engage in service delivery or participate in in-person activities from 26 October.

Process one: LSV form (one-off)

LSV will provide an online form for all members, employees, industry and community partners, contractors and visitors to declare their vaccinations status.

Information requested in the form will include:

- identifying criteria (first name, last name and date of birth)
- contact information (email and telephone number)
- category (multiple selection for member, employee, industry and community partner, contractor or visitor)
- name of club(s) for lifesaving club members
- vaccination status and dates (first dose, fully vaccinated, exempt or unvaccinated) – the vaccination status can be updated progressively until a fully vaccinated status is recorded
- vaccination document number for anyone who is fully vaccinated.

Clubs will receive a list of their members' COVID-19 vaccination status based on the information collected through this form, which will be regularly updated as more members submit the form.

Existing processes and systems will be updated to check the COVID-19 vaccination status submitted through this form. This includes processes and systems used for enrolling into courses, signing on to a patrol, entering sport events, and participating in nippers.

This information will also be added to SurfGuard to record members' vaccination status during the season.

LSV will provide administrative support for implementing the form and responding to related queries from clubs and members.

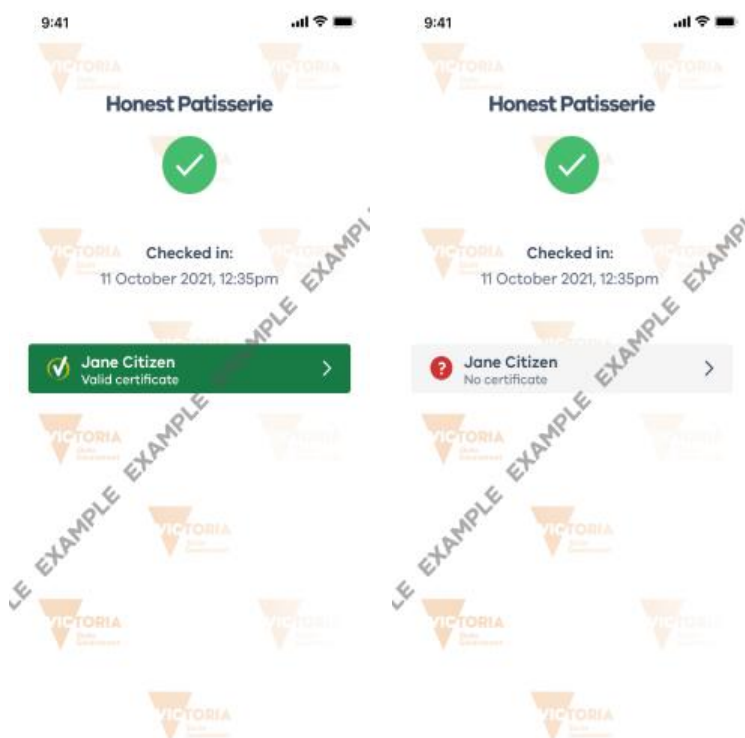
Standard privacy legislation will apply. Further information regarding this will be detailed in the LSV COVID-19 vaccination policy, to be distributed in the coming weeks.

Process two: Service Victoria app (ongoing)

The Victorian Government is currently [trialling a new feature in the Service Victoria app](#) to verify people's COVID-19 vaccination status upon entry at venues, as part of the [vaccine certificate](#) and [vaccinated economy](#) trials.

Once you have uploaded your COVID-19 digital certificate to the app, it will automatically provide venues (including workplaces, clubs, patrols, carnivals, events, nippers, etc.) with your vaccination status when you sign in using the QR code.

This COVID-19 vaccine certification method will be used on site in accordance with Victorian Government requirements.



15. I began a training course prior to 26 October 2021, and I will not be fully vaccinated by this date, can I still continue my training course?

Yes, as an exception you may continue the course if you can prove you have already had one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and that your second dose is booked. You will be required to be fully vaccinated to attend or participate in any further onsite training or other LSV or club activities, commencing after 26 October.

16. Who do I contact at LSV for any specific questions?

Email: healthalerts@lsv.com.au