

# Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry COVID-19 update

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## Priority Vaccinations for Specified Worker Permit Holders for Freight

The Victorian Government strongly supports everyone in the freight and logistics industry booking an appointment and getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Eligibility for vaccination has been opened up for anyone 16 years of age.

The Victorian Government is also supporting access to vaccinations for freight workers who hold Specified Worker Permits under the Victorian Travel Permit System who have been in an extreme/red zone in the last 14 days.

Those with a valid Specified Worker Permit are able to get a priority booking. All Specified Worker Permit holders can now access Pfizer regardless of age.

Specified Worker Permit holders who do not have a Victorian residential address can get vaccinated in Victoria.

### Where to access vaccinations

Specified Worker Permit holders who have **not** been in a red/extreme zone in the previous 14 days can go to :

- Any of the 50 state vaccination centres – bookings are required
- A GP clinic, community pharmacy and Aboriginal community controlled organisations

Specified Worker Permit holders who have been in a red/extreme zone in the previous 14 days can only go to a red zone clinic. These are located at:

- Melbourne Showgrounds
- Sunshine
- Sandown Racecourse
- Ford Campbellfield
- Wangaratta

### Information for individuals

Workers must declare if they have been in a high risk area and only attend a red zone clinic to ensure that bookings are made at the appropriate site.

**Priority bookings are only available via the Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398.**

Learn more about [Booking your vaccination](#).

A signed [COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility declaration](#) is required when presenting to a vaccination clinic or other proof of employment.

## Where and how to get tested – Freight friendly testing sites

Testing Locations: You can attend any fixed testing sites that use test tracker. A list of the sites is provided on the Department of Health website link -

[Coronavirus Victoria <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19)

Find a site that is convenient for you and select a site that has testing registration forms available.

Freight friendly testing sites (limited capacity)

- Nhill trailer exchange, Western Highway - 12pm-12am (testing for 5 days from 1 Sep, to be reviewed)
- Beveridge Truck Stop/Weighbridge (southbound), Hume Freeway - 6pm-6am (subject to change).
- Broadford Weighbridge (NHVR) (northbound), Hume Freeway - 6pm-6am daily (subject to change).
- Longwarry Rest Area (Inbound), Princess Highway - 12pm-12am daily (subject to change)



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To save time please:

- Complete a registration form prior to testing.
- Please choose your industry as Freight – Road.
- The form is available here <https://testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/industry-prefill>

New South Wales operates freight friendly testing sites which can be found using the following link:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/freight-hub/transport-for-nsw-response-to-covid-19-for-freight-industry>

For more information or to find out where to get tested, call the 24/7 Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19)

## Additional Workplace Obligations for Warehouse and Distribution Centres

The [Workplace \(Additional Industry Obligations\) Directions \(No. 39\)](#) came into force at 11.59pm 26 August 2021 and ends tonight at 11:59pm.

The '[Surveillance Testing List and Requirements](#)' describes the surveillance list and requirements for the purposes of the Workplace (Industry Additional Obligations) Directions. This list may be further amended and updated with approval of the Chief Health Officer.

Currently, warehousing and distribution, and supermarket distribution and perishable food chilled distribution, in metropolitan Melbourne are required to ensure that 25% of their workforce must tested once per week, with 100% tested every four weeks.

These workplaces also require trained [COVID Marshals](#).

All facilities in Victoria must provide regular worker training on:

- good hygiene practices
- advising workers not to attend work when unwell
- [workplace bubble](#) arrangements (where workplace bubbles are required)

All Victorian businesses with onsite operations must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#). You must regularly review your COVIDSafe Plan to ensure it is current and reflects the [latest advice](#).

The Business Victoria hotline provides information on restrictions and support to help your workplace plan and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19). Call Business Victoria on **13 22 15**.