New COVID-19 rules for workers

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We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.
Some hard words are in blue.
We explain what they mean.

You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.
A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

You can find more information on our website coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/vaccination-requirements/disability-support-workers
The Tasmanian Government knows that people who work in the disability sector are doing their best to protect everyone from COVID-19.

Getting **Vaccinated** is the best way to be safe from COVID-19.

**Vaccinated** is when you get an injection with a type of medicine in it.

Vaccines helps to fight off COVID-19.

Many disability support workers are already vaccinated.
Some people on the NDIS might be more at risk of COVID-19 because they:

- have other health conditions
- cannot follow some of the COVID rules

New COVID-19 Disability Worker Rules

The Tasmanian Government want people with disability to be as safe as possible from COVID-19.

From **21st November 2021** there is a new rule for some workers who support NDIS participants.
The rule says workers must prove they have:

• had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine; **or**

• had one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and booked in to get their second dose; **or**

• made a booking to get their first dose of vaccine as soon as possible.

They must get their second dose as soon as possible, and must have it by 7 January 2022; **or**

• have a special form from a doctor saying they cannot have the vaccine
Who must follow this rule?

All workers who support you in the following areas:

- **Daily life tasks in a group or shared living home:**
  for example in a group home

- **Group or centre-based activities:**
  for example, support you to access the community in a group or at a centre

- **Specialist supported employment**
  for example, Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE’s)
• **Daily personal activities:**
  for example, workers who help you with personal care

• **Community nursing care:**
  for example those who help you with health needs around your disability

• **Therapeutic supports:**
  for example, occupational therapy, psychology, speech pathology

You do not have to do anything.
It is up to workers and providers to make sure workers are vaccinated.
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