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Dear Meredith,

Vaccination of residential aged care facility (RACF) workers, in reach workforce, students and volunteers engaged by the RACF will [become mandatory](#) in the next month.

Workers must receive at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (all are eligible for Pfizer) by 17 September 2021 to enter a residential aged care facility from this date onwards.

We know this will raise many questions among those involved in aged care, including volunteers and others, who are included in these directions.

It is very important that everybody involved in residential aged care understands that COVID-19 poses a significant risk for elderly people, who are most at risk of contracting the virus and more likely to suffer severe health consequences from the virus.

Vaccination against COVID-19 will help protect workers and residents at aged care facilities from contracting and spreading the infection, and from severe disease and death.

WA Health has developed [Frequently asked Questions](#) which cover important concerns including pay, medical exemptions and more.

Find out exactly who needs to be vaccinated below.

Scope	Vaccination mandatory	Vaccination encouraged but not mandatory
Workforce	<p>Aged care provider workforce: Full time, part time & casual staff employed or engaged on behalf of the RACF (such as agency staff working onsite) including:</p> <p>Direct care workforce (nurses; personal care workers; allied health professionals, and allied health assistants)</p> <p>Administration staff (reception; management; administration)</p> <p>Ancillary staff (food preparation;</p>	<p>In-reach services workforce: pharmacists and allied health professionals requested by the care recipient (but not engaged)</p> <p>Regular in-reach/contractors: AN-ACC / ACAT / RAS assessors</p>

	<p>cleaning; laundry; garden; maintenance)</p> <p>Lifestyle / social care (music/art therapy); Transport drivers collecting residents from RACFs for outings</p> <p>Volunteers engaged by the RACF</p> <p>Students</p> <p>In-reach services workforce including: Visiting medical practitioners (General Practitioners and consulting</p>	<p>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission field staff</p> <p>Aged Care Advocates delivering the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (Older Persons Advocacy Network Members)</p> <p>Trades people</p> <p>Delivery drivers</p> <p>Hairdressers</p> <p>Regular Pastoral care</p>
Volunteers /Visitors		<p>Community Visitors Scheme Partnerships-in-Care</p> <p>Volunteers engaged outside of RACF</p> <p>Family and friends</p> <p>Irregular inreach/contractors:</p> <p>Librarians</p> <p>Solicitors</p> <p>Resident's personal Minister/clergy/pastoral care workers</p> <p>One-off irregular trade delivery (e.g. Florist / Australia Post)</p> <p>Trade Union officials</p>
Flexible care types	<p>Transition Care Programme (TCP) –limited to staff working in RACFs</p> <p>Short-Term Restorative Care Programme (STRC) – limited to staff working in RACFs</p>	<p>TCP staff providing care in a person's home or the community</p> <p>STRC staff providing care in a person's home</p> <p>Innovative Care Programme staff</p>

	<p>Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) – limited to staff working in MPS Programs National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program</p> <p>Respite care</p>	
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We will like to thank you in advance for encouraging everybody who is eligible to Roll Up for WA before 17 September.

Yours sincerely



Sue Kiely
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