

# COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESEARCH MONITORS VISITING MONASH HEALTH

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## TARGET AUDIENCE and SETTING

All Monash Health staff, contractors (contracted by Monash Health), agency staff, students, researchers, volunteers, delivery drivers and research monitors.

## PURPOSE

To limit the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19) within the Healthcare setting, particularly Monash Health.

See Chief Health Officer Direction on mandatory vaccination - [CHO direction on mandatory vaccination](#)

## DEFINITIONS

A person's **vaccination status** is one of the following:

- (a) fully vaccinated; or
- (b) partially vaccinated; or
- (c) unvaccinated; or
- (d) exempted person.

**CHO** means Chief Health Officer

**Research Monitor** may be a Clinical Research Associate (CRA) representing a biotechnological or pharmaceutical organisation or person delegated by an organisation to manage operation of a research project(s) at a site or healthcare setting conducting research.

## STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

When undertaking any clinical interaction with a patient, staff are expected to;

- Perform routine hand hygiene. Refer to the [Hand Hygiene Procedure](#).
- Introduce themselves to the Patient and Carer/ Family if in attendance
- Check patient identification. Refer to the [Patient Identification Procedure](#).
- Obtain consent as per the [Consent to Medical Treatment Procedure](#).
- Keep the patient/carer informed and involve them in decision making.

Document interaction in the electronic medical record or health record using black pen; including date, time, signature and designation.

## EQUIPMENT

- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Tympanic thermometer and covers or handheld thermal scanners
- Hand sanitiser
- Surgical masks
- Mobile phone / Ascom phone
- Dated stickers for persons requiring re-entry after being screened
- [Attestation form](#) is available to download or hard copy form at entry to Monash Health facilities.

## PROCEDURE

All persons who enter Monash Health facilities are required to wear a face mask and undergo a temperature check by passing through thermal imaging cameras or a handheld thermal scanner and complete a daily attestation to indicate that requirements of the [CHO direction on mandatory](#)

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[vaccination](#) and Monash Health screening have been met prior to entering the facility. This is in line with the Victorian Government’s initiatives towards making workplaces safer for Victoria healthcare workers.

- Research Monitors are requested to download the [Attestation form](#) to their smart phone (via QR code) or complete the Attestation hard copy form available on arrival at Monash Health.
- Choose “Other” as your role, enter your identifying details and submit the form.
- If the answer to all screening questions is “no”, a green tick will be produced. This must be presented to the screening team for verification.
- All persons who **do not** pass the screening check by answering “yes” to any screening question will not be permitted to enter and shall be provided with further advice from the screening staff team.
- The attestation form link may be saved and completed at each visit prior to entering the facility to ensure you prevent crowding and delays.

It is the responsibility of the Research Monitor to ensure that their vaccinations are up to date as per the Monash Health vaccination requirements and Victorian Chief Health Officer Directive for COVID-19 vaccination.

Research Monitors must not enter or remain at Monash Health if:

- have symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- are awaiting a COVID-19 test result\*
- live with someone who is symptomatic and awaiting a COVID-19 test result\*
- have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or someone in isolation in the last 7 days\*  
(\* unless cleared by Infection Prevention/Employee COVID-19 hotline).

The [Attestation form is updated on a regular basis, so the monitors need to check this prior to arriving at a Monash Health site.](#)

From 15 December 2021, to enter a Monash Health site you must:

- have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### COVID-19 Third (Booster) Dose Vaccination:

From 12 January 2022, to enter a Monash Health site monitors **eligible** for a third (booster) dose of COVID-19 vaccine on or before Wednesday 12 January 2022 (i.e., fully vaccinated on or before 12 September 2021) must have a vaccination booking to occur prior to or have received a third (booster) dose by 12 February 2022.

From 12 January 2022, to enter a Monash Health site researchers **not yet eligible** for a third (booster) dose must have received a third (booster) dose of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 March 2022.

Physical distancing requirements of one person per four square metres as per the Victorian Government guidance will be adhered to and a requirement of all monitors.

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## RELATED DOCUMENTATION

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Strict visiting restrictions are in place. Please refer to [Monash Health website](#) for details regarding current visitor restrictions.

## KEY STANDARDS, GUIDELINES OR LEGISLATION

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[CHO direction on mandatory vaccination](#)

[Site Access and Screening \(COVID\)](#)

## KEYWORDS

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