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## Minutes of the COVID 19 CPVV Industry Update Meeting

**Date:** 3 March 2021

**Time:** 3:00pm – 3:50pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Video Conference

### Attendees

Al Martin (AM) (CPVV), Leigh Hubbard (LH) (DoH), Michaela Lodewyckx (DoH), Ian Matthews (CPVV), Siena Rossi (CPVV), Michelle Thomas (CPVV), Hannah Norris (CPVV), Greg Kazuro (CPVV), Karly Hillas (CPVV), Alice Nguyen, Ann, Brendan, Catherine McKenzie, Colin Wells, Crown Cabs, Darryl M, Double Black Alpine, Greg Hardeman, Jeanette Brook, John Lobwein, Kelly Micallef, Lauren, Maria Silos, Parry Serafrm, Paulina, Peter Kavanagh, Peter Valentine, Ray Kelsey, Stephen Armstrong, Toni Peters, Victoria Draudins.

### Discussion

- Al Martin (AM) welcomed all attendees and displayed presentation for discussion.
- AM made the following comments:

Note: all comments made are true and correct as at this point in time.

- Advised that all sources and references for information/contact on COVID-19 advice remain the same.
- Advised there remains minimal changes and impacts to the operation of CPVs including cleaning and hygiene to ensure the provision of safe and clean services.

### Commonwealth Government Vaccine Program – Department of Health

- LH provided an overview of the Commonwealth Government's vaccine program noting there are three (3) pillars to the program:
  - Access for all Victorians - vaccines are free, equitable and easy to access for all eligible Victorians.
  - Highest levels of safety and quality – vaccination workforce is appropriately trained and supervised, and sites are supported by comprehensive clinical safety and quality procedures.
  - Public trust and confidence – information and messaging is clear with broad and sustained engagement with stakeholders across sectors, community and government.
- LH discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Commonwealth, Victorian Government and vaccine centres in the vaccine program noting that it is a Commonwealth funded vaccine.
- LH discussed the vaccine characteristics and approvals noting the doses, delivery and other requirements. LH further discussed the predicted rollout phases with most Victorians to be vaccinated by the end of October 2021.

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- LH discussed the predicted roll out phases (supply dependent) noting Phase 1b which covers critical and high-risk workers in which DoH is awaiting further advice on who falls into this category which could potentially include the CPV industry.
- LH advised there are currently 9 'hospital hubs' across Victoria in which their primary purpose is to achieve rapid and early coverage of several priority cohorts in phases 1a and 1b. Additional platforms are expected to commence from mid-March (pending Commonwealth confirmation of Astra-Zeneca supply) including mobile sites. LH also advised that phases are not dependant on which vaccine you receive.
- DoH is looking to actively engage with the CPV industry to progress the preferred roll out and delivery solutions for the CPV industry and to obtain feedback on what can be improved or altered. DoH will work with CPVV to obtain metrics of the industry to plan effectively.
- DoH is willing to provide industry with further information and tailored communications for drivers to assist with the vaccination program. Both CPVV and DoH are willing to hear any feedback from industry to best support the vaccine roll out. Please direct any questions or queries to: [COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au).
- DoH discussed their COVID-19 Vaccine Program Q&As and advised these Q&As may be useful to industry and are able to be used in BSP publications as they have been approved by the Chief Health Officer.
- Further information can also be found on the CPVV website: <https://cpv.vic.gov.au/drivers/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-program>

## Questions from industry:

1. Attendee stated if the CPV industry is classified as high-risk they should be considered in an earlier vaccine phase.
  - DoH reply – LH advised DoH is very aware of the risks in the CPV industry and the industry continues to be a focus for DoH. As the vaccine program is a Commonwealth program, Victoria must abide by the implementation agreement set out by the Commonwealth. As such, DoH is waiting on further clarification from the Commonwealth to advise which industries fall into certain categories. LH advised attendee to provide this feedback to [COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au)
2. Attendee asked if the presentation was able to be provided after the brief.
  - DoH reply – LH advised the presentation and a Q&A document could be distributed post meeting with conditions. If attendees would like a copy of either of these documents they should contact [COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au).
3. Attendee asked if it was possible for network staff to be included with driver vaccinations as they have direct daily contact with drivers.
  - DoH reply – LH advised it would be useful if BSPs could provide figures for non-driver staff members so that it can be discussed and taken into consideration with the vaccine roll out.
  - CPVV reply – AM advised CPVV will engage directly with industry to obtain key information for DoH to support their planning.

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4. DoH asked attendees if 'vaccine hubs' where bookings are required would be appropriate for the CPV industry to travel to.
- Attendee(s) reply – Yes, this would be appropriate and vaccine hubs should be located in a central location depending on geographic requirements eg. in a location that is appropriate to drivers that are being targeted.
  - Attendee(s) reply – Suggested a mobile vaccination would be appropriate.
  - Attendee(s) reply – Stated there should be an opportunity to access vaccination outside normal 'business hours' due to the nature of the CPV industry (operates as a 24 hour industry).

## Passenger record keeping requirements/QR Code

- AM discussed the update to the public health direction that requires QR codes for the purpose of recording passenger information that came into effect on Friday 26 February 2021 at 12:00am. As previously indicated, the CPV industry will have until 26 March 2021 at which time it is anticipated it will be mandatory for all vehicle owners to have a QR code/digital solution in their vehicles to display permanently while providing services.
  - AM advised CPVV has received positive feedback on the Services Victoria QR code system and are aware of some difficulties for organisations that are using the API approach. CPVV will continue to monitor these issues and assist where possible to ensure everyone is able to comply with the public health direction.
  - More information can be found on our website:  
<https://cpv.vic.gov.au/drivers/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-faqs2/keeping-a-digital-record-of-passengers>
- Any further queries or feedback to be directed to Safety Mailbox [safety@cpv.vic.gov.au](mailto:safety@cpv.vic.gov.au).
  - Advised the next COVID-19 CPVV Industry Update is scheduled for 10 March 2021 at 2:00pm.
  - If there are any significant changes they will be communicated via email, social media or text message.
  - Feedback on the industry brief or suggestions on how to improve the industry brief are welcome at any time.
  - Meeting closed.