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## Minutes of the CPVV Special Industry Briefing

**Date:** 04 October 2021

**Time:** 3:30pm – 3:48 pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Video Conference

### Attendees

Melissa O'Brien (MO) (CPVV), Ian Matthews (IM) (CPVV), Emily McLean (EM) (CPVV), Glenn Thompson (CPVV), Chris Banks (CPVV), Nick X Antonopoulos (CPVV), Andre Baruch (Transport Alliance Australia), Navpreet Singh Dhanoa (Pakenham Taxis), Alice Nguyen (Silver Top), Andrew Watson (Warrnambool Radio Taxis Pty Ltd), Catherine McKenzie (Taxis of Portland), Crown Cabs, David Samuel (13Cabs), Eddie Gibbons (Double Black Alpine), Greg Hardeman (13Cabs), Hayaf El-Fahkri (Platinum Taxis), John Lobwein (Black and White Cabs), Jorick Norder (Ola), Maria Silos (DiDi Global), Olivia Danckert (Shebah), Peter Valentine (Geelong Taxi Network), Stephen Armstrong (VTA), Toni Peters (Drive A2B), Victoria Draudins (Uber),

### Discussion

- Melissa O'Brien (MO) welcomed and thanked all attendees for attending this out of session briefing regarding the government announcement of mandatory vaccination for all workers on the Authorised Worker List.

- MO provided the following updates:

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

### Industry Update

- The Victorian Government has announced that COVID-19 [vaccinations will be mandatory](#) for all workers on the [Authorised Worker List](#) from Friday 15 October 2021.
- CPV drivers are included on the Authorised Work List.
- This mandate will apply statewide and also covers workers who enter Victoria on Specified Worker Permits.
- All CPV drivers will need to have had:
  - their first COVID-19 vaccine by Friday, 15 October 2021, or provide evidence of an appointment before 22 October; and
  - be fully vaccinated by 26 November 2021.
- This vaccine requirement for CPV drivers will be mandated under directions issued by Victoria's Chief Health Officer. These will be published on the [Department of Health](#) website.
- The Direction that covers the CPV industry has not yet been published, therefore some detail is still unknown.
- CPVV will update its information to outline requirements such as who is required to keep records of CPV driver vaccinations as information becomes available.
- In the meantime, we wanted to share some pleasing early results of our vaccine survey with you – it will give everyone some comfort that the rates appear to be quite high already.

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- Early Vaccine Survey results based on around 11,500 responses and of those, over 90 per cent have had at least one dose, while around 70 per cent have had both doses.
- Please continue to encourage CPV drivers to get vaccinated and ensure they are able to meet the coming requirements.
- There is information on our website about where drivers can book their vaccination at locations across Victoria. We have links to book at state-run centres –as well as to information about how to book at your local GP or pharmacy.
- There will be a walk-up Moderna blitz from 4 October to 10 October at a range of sites which will also be listed on our website.
- Additionally, the interval between Pfizer vaccine doses will be reduced from six to three weeks from today.
- We will continue to keep you up to date as further information is available.

## Questions from industry:

1. Attendee asked whether a business can operate if the site is also the residence of a confirmed COVID-19 case
  - CPVV reply – This would be dependent on the advice from the Department of Health (DH) advice and if it is classified as an exposure site. With the contactless procedures in place, assuming the site is not an exposure site, IM advised he sees no safety risk and will investigate and advise if this is advice changes
2. Attendees asked does a driver just have to have booked an appointment by 22 October for a future date or does the appointment have to fall before 22 October?
  - CPVV reply – CPVV will take this on notice and provide an update when it is available.
3. Attendee asked will there be medical exemptions allowed and what evidence is required in reference to the reason not to have a vaccine
  - CPVV reply - CPVV will take this on notice and provide an update when it is available
4. Attendee asked does the mandate apply to other workers that are required for the business to operate and not just drivers
  - CPVV reply – The mandate applies to all workers on the Authorised Workers list if they leave home for authorised work.
5. Attendee asked if there is any early indication on the responsibilities of the Booking Service Providers (BSPs)
  - CPVV reply – Not as yet. CPVV will take this on notice and provide an update when it is available .
6. Attendee asked what the fines are associated with non-compliance
  - CPVV reply - CPVV will take this on notice and provide an update when it is available
7. Attendee asked can a driver/BSP require passengers to be vaccinated?
  - CPVV reply – There is not mandate for passengers to be vaccinated, however CPVV will explore whether a driver/BSP is able to impose their own requirements and provide an update when it is available
8. Attendee asked who keeps the information regarding the workers vaccination status

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- CPVV reply – This information is not yet available. CPVV will take this on notice and provide an update when it is available.
- Any further queries or feedback to be directed to Safety Mailbox [safety@cpv.vic.gov.au](mailto:safety@cpv.vic.gov.au).
- Meeting closed 3:48pm.