

Hello to our members and friends,

Forgive me that the following message is lengthy and involved but it is necessary to send a message to all our members and any guests regarding the new social measures that will come into effect from this Friday. Our club, the course and clubhouse will have varying rules for different circumstances. These have been summarised below.

**The Queensland Government has announced new measures to help life return to a 'new normal' while managing the risks of COVID-19.**

From 17 December 2021, restrictions will ease for many businesses and fully vaccinated Queenslanders. Hospitality and entertainment businesses where only vaccinated people can attend will no longer have capacity restrictions.

However, people who aren't vaccinated against COVID-19 will be unable to:

- visit vulnerable settings, including hospitals, residential aged care, disability care accommodation, and prisons. There will be some exceptions for medical treatment, end-of-life visits, childbirth and emergency situations
- attend hospitality venues such as hotels, pubs, clubs, taverns, bars, restaurants or cafes
- attend indoor entertainment venues such as nightclubs, live music venues, karaoke bars, concerts, theatres or cinemas
- attend outdoor entertainment activities such as sporting stadiums, theme parks or tourism experiences like reef excursions
- attend festivals – either indoor or outdoor – such as musical festivals, folk festivals or arts festivals
- attend Queensland Government owned galleries, museums or libraries.

**Collection of contact information by business operators**

A business operator must collect contact information, proof of vaccination or evidence of medical contraindication from all staff, guests and patrons when entering an establishment by using the [Check In Qld app](#).

If a business operator cannot use the Check In Qld app, they must use alternative measures to record the contact information details.

More information on COVID-19 vaccination rules is available at [health.qld.gov.au/covid19](http://health.qld.gov.au/covid19)

Queensland Health has published the Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Public Health Direction (PHD). The PHD are law and come into effect 5:00am on 17 December 2021.

To access a copy of the Public Health Direction (PHD), please [click here](#).

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR), Clubs Queensland (CQ) and Golf Australia (GA) they have reviewed the Public Health Direction and can confirm the following information.

**Golf Operations**

- Unvaccinated people can play golf, including associated activities i.e. golf course practice facilities, mini golf etc
- Unvaccinated people can play golf in the same group as fully vaccinated people
- Unvaccinated people can share a golf cart with a vaccinated golfer
- Unvaccinated people can use the 'drinks cart' service
- Unvaccinated people can enter and use Proshop services

- Unvaccinated people can purchase take away food and drink to consume on the golf course and practice facilities. They cannot eat and drink in the ProShop, clubhouse and surrounds
- A golf club or facility may also choose to self-impose rules to deny an unvaccinated person admission to play golf.

### **Coaching**

- Unvaccinated people can coach and be coached.
- Coaches delivering school-based programs should check with the school regarding a school's legal requirements.
- A golf club or facility may also choose to self-impose rules to deny an unvaccinated person coaching, however the business should seek their own legal advice before doing so.

### **Clubhouse**

There are different requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated patrons:

- Vaccinated patrons can use all hospitality services of a golf club/facility
- Unvaccinated patrons may enter the clubhouse to collect take away food and beverage for consumption whilst playing golf, or for purposes associated with playing golf, i.e. paying fees
- Unvaccinated patrons may enter the clubhouse to use the toilets and or locker rooms

### **Workforce**

Under the restrictions, volunteers are considered staff.

Golf Australia, OLGR and CQ continues to encourage both golf participants and workers to get vaccinated as soon as they are able, as the above information may change at any time.

Clubs and facilities are reminded that the PHD may not go into enough detail to cover every situation you may experience at the facility. It follows that, as an industry, we must do our best to interpret the PHD in a way that gives effect to the intention of the direction.

If you would still like more information or need clarification, please contact me on any of the details below. I would also like all our members, patrons and their guests to not engage with our staff if you disagree with the new PHD. I am happy to discuss your concerns and try to resolve any issues that you may have. Please do not harass any staff member over your concerns. I would like to thank you in advance, for your cooperation and assistance during the transition period to the new PHD.

With kind regards,

Frank Byrne  
*General Manager*