

Racing Victoria Industry Notice



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Wednesday, 6 October 2021

COVID-19 vaccination status request to permit entry

Dear Jessie,

The Victorian Government announced on 1 October 2021 that all Authorised Workers are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The continuation of racing during the COVID-19 pandemic has been permitted under directions that determine that all participants within the Victorian Thoroughbred Racing Industry (**VTRI**) are Authorised Workers. In line with the Victorian Government announcement, you will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as an Authorised Worker in the VTRI.

Racing Victoria (**RV**) has announced that it requires all licensed, registered and permitted participants to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a *condition of entry* to its workplaces and to designated licensed premises in Victoria with effect from the following dates:

Friday, 15 October 2021* (the day before Caulfield Cup Day), all licensed, registered and permitted participants and RV staff are to have obtained a **first COVID-19 vaccination** as a condition of entry to RV premises, racecourses on raceday and designated licensed premises in Victoria, unless the person is the subject of a lawful exception; and

Friday, 26 November 2021* (the day before Zipping Classic Day), all licensed, registered and permitted participants and RV staff are to be **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 as a condition of entry to RV premises, racecourses on raceday and designated licensed premises in Victoria, unless the person is the subject of a lawful exception.

(Please note that both of the aforementioned dates have been brought forward 24 hours from those announced by RV on 15 September 2021 to align with the Victorian Government announcement on 1 October 2021.*

The condition of entry requirement includes licensed, registered and permitted participants (Trainers, Jockeys, Farriers, Rider Agents, Float Drivers, Stable Employees and Veterinarians) and applies to the racing operations areas at Victorian racecourses on

raceday and public training centres, as well as at RV's Flemington headquarters and its media group's offices and studios.

Important note for Trainers

Trainers, it is your responsibility to ensure all of your employees meet the vaccination requirements and that they understand any failure to comply, unless exempt, will result in entry to racing operations areas at racecourses on raceday, designated licensed premises in Victoria and RV premises being refused.

What do I need to do?

In order for RV to manage the condition of entry requirements and to meet the VTRI's obligations in line with the Victorian Government announcement of 1 October 2021, we request that you complete the [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Form](#) by **5PM (AEDT) on Wednesday, 13 October 2021**. The form includes some mandatory fields which must be completed.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE COVID VACCINATION STATUS FORM](#)

Proving my vaccination status

Within the [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Form](#), you will be asked to upload evidence of your vaccination status.

First vaccination: Evidence may not be available, so remember, that this is a form which requires you to provide accurate and factual information about your first vaccination. However, if you received either an email and/or SMS confirmation or a COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Record Card, you can take a photo/screenshot of this and upload it as evidence.

Fully vaccinated: If you've received your second COVID-19 vaccination, you will need to upload an image or PDF or copy of your Medicare Vaccination Certificate or My Health Record Certificate when available.

Once all fields have been completed, hit the send button to RV. In turn you will receive a copy of your completed form from noreply@racingvictoria.net.au. Please keep this form on your phone or your person as proof of completion should you be asked for it upon entry to a racecourse on raceday, designated licensed premises or RV premises.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will I need to complete a second form when fully vaccinated if I've only had my**

first COVID-19 vaccine jab? Yes, please. For completeness you will need to resubmit the form when you are fully vaccinated, attaching proof with an image or PDF or copy of your Medicare Vaccination Certificate or My Health Record Certificate. We will provide you a further reminder closer to the final deadline of 26 November 2021 if not completed.

- **What do I need to do if I have a lawful exemption and haven't been vaccinated for COVID-19?** You will need to complete the appropriate field in the vaccination status form. RV will then contact you about this to understand the circumstances and determine whether the condition of entry requirement will apply to you.
- **Where will my data be stored, how will it be used and who will be able to access it?** RV is permitted to collect this information to comply with legal requirements and to provide a safe and healthy workplace and will do so in accordance with Privacy Laws. For further information, see [RV's Privacy Policy](#).
- **What if I don't want to provide you with this information?** Please note that you do not currently have to provide us with this information if you do not wish to do so, though you may be required to do so under public health directions in the future. However, if RV is not able to confirm your vaccination status then you will be refused entry to the racing operations areas at racecourses on racedays, designated licensed premises in Victoria and RV premises (unless the subject of a lawful exception).

Please note: We may share this information with other parties to ensure compliance. Those parties include Racing Club administrators, RV Stewards, the RV Crisis Management Team, RV's People and Culture Team and RV's Chief Medical Officer.

Important Information

By signing the [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Form](#), you:

- are attesting that the details you provide are true and correct. Presenting false, misleading or fraudulent information may result in penalties under the Rules of Racing;
- understand that RV is permitted to collect this information and will do so in accordance with Privacy Laws;
- understand that RV may share this information with other parties to ensure this Policy is operational. Those parties include Racing Club administrators, RV Stewards, the RV Crisis Management Team, RV's People and Culture Team and RV's Chief Medical Officer, and you provide your consent to RV to do so; and
- understand that if you develop symptoms or potential symptoms of COVID-19 you should not attend or remain at the designated licensed premises or RV workplace.

Need more information?

If you are having issues completing the [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Form](#), please email rvquestions@racingvictoria.net.au with your query.

Proof of vaccination status upon entry on raceday

Please keep a copy of your receipt from the vaccination form submission (sent via noreply@racingvictoria.net.au upon completion) on your phone or on your person as proof of completion should you be asked for it upon entry to a racecourse on raceday, designated licensed premises or RV premises.

Thank you for your cooperation

RV is implementing this condition of entry requirement due to the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide the safest possible working environment for all. We are also complying with the Victorian Government announcement of 1 October 2021 that Authorised Workers are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, we are committed to ensuring the safe continuation of racing and training in Victoria and we thank you in anticipation of your assistance and cooperation with this important next step in achieving that.

Kind regards,

Giles Thompson
Chief Executive
Racing Victoria

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