

Protecting our community from COVID-19

Our State Coordinator put in place a new [Direction](#) under the Emergency Management Act regarding COVID-19 prevention measures in healthcare settings.

Hutt St Centre now falls into the category of being a Phase 2 healthcare setting and, as a consequence, is subject to this Direction.

The Direction requires all Hutt St Centre staff, volunteers, and people providing support or services, paid or voluntary within the Centre, regardless of whether they interact with clients or not, to meet the COVID-19 vaccination requirements stipulated.

The vaccination requirement means that you must have received, as a minimum, the first dose of your COVID-19 vaccination regime and have received or made an appointment to receive your second vaccination by 8 November 2021.

The wearing of masks is also mandatory within Hutt St Centre.

Looking after our community

People experiencing homelessness are an incredibly vulnerable group and we need to make sure we're doing everything we can to protect them from this life-threatening virus. Results from a survey completed by people we assist revealed:

- 90% have physical health issues, 82% have mental health issues
- 59% have a combination of complex physical and mental healthcare needs
- 51% don't feel confident accessing medical help for their health issues

This highlights the ongoing need for the essential health and wellbeing services we provide, in a safe and supportive place. We need to ensure we minimise risk for the people we exist to support, and for our staff, volunteers, suppliers and visitors to the Centre.

What we need from you when visiting Hutt St Centre for a planned activity

You will need to provide Hutt St Centre with an electronic copy of proof of your vaccination status (i.e. digital certificate, or screenshot from your My Gov/Medicare portal) prior to your Angel for a Day Shift or planned activity within Hutt St Centre.

For more information about obtaining your COVID-19 digital certificate, please visit www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/certificates.

Please be assured, your vaccination status information will be handled confidentially in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

Masks are mandatory at Hutt St Centre

All people must wear a mask at all times with Hutt St Centre. We ask that you wear a mask correctly and apply good hygiene practices throughout your shift, which includes:

- Wash and dry (or sanitise) hands regularly, and before you put on your mask
- Make sure your mask completely covers your nose, mouth and chin - do not allow the mask to hang around your neck or sit under your nose
- Using a tissue and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Avoiding close contact with others, such as touching

If you have an approved medical exemption, please advise this with us when arranging your Angel shift or activity, or contact us on 08 8418 2500 / hello@huttstcentre.org.au.
