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## COVID-19 Vaccination: Amendment to Public Health Order

Dear Families, Carers & Guardians,

Sylvanvale continues to follow the advice of NSW Health and implement the Public Health Orders as they are issued. On Friday 15 October 2021, NSW Health amended the [Public Health Order \(PHO\)](#) mandating vaccinations for aged care workers to include workers providing disability supports. This is a welcome development, which reflects the vulnerability of the people we support and our staff.

The PHO directs that a person who provides disability services in person must not provide the services unless they:

- Have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by **9.00am on 25 October**
- Have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by **9.00am 29 November**
- Have a medical contraindication certificate from a medical practitioner

This includes people who:

- work in residential disability care
- provide in-home disability services
- provide disability day programs
- provide community-based disability support services
- Including any person providing services funded or provided by the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Given this change to the [Public Health Order](#), COVID Vaccination will become a condition of employment for all Sylvanvale operational staff as of 25 October 2021. Evidence of full COVID vaccination will also need to be cited by the Site Manager for all visitors to our sites, including families, guardians, contractors, and medical professionals.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation through these difficult times. We will continue to keep you updated as further details and changes are confirmed by federal and state Health departments.

Please keep up to date with the latest Sylvanvale protocols and information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) [here](#). Please keep up to date with the latest NSW Health COVID-19 updates [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your site or service manager.

Yours sincerely,



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