








CURRENT COVID-19 PLACEMENT ADVICE, RESTRICTIONS AND VACCINATIONS

5 Nov 2021	<p>ISLHD</p> <p>Revised student and clinical facilitator risk assessment form. Please ensure all students and clinical facilitators are aware of this new risk assessment form and process. Ensure that previous versions of the risk assessment are no longer available to students or facilitators.</p>  <p>COVID-19 Workforce Management - Clinica</p> <p>This change is effective immediately. Where students/facilitators have already provided this form for placements starting next week, a new form is not required.</p>
27 October 2021	<p>SWSLHD</p> <p>After further evaluation of the impact of COVID-19 on student placements, South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) has decided to allow ClinConnect booked and managed student placements to proceed from 1st November 2021. This includes students across all disciplines from all years of study.</p> <p>SWSLHD will be continuing with our restrictions as they pertain to COVID Vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students and facilitators who attend placement <u>MUST be fully COVID-19 vaccinated</u> and have their evidence with them. • We will not be accepting students with a medical contraindication between 1st November and 30th November 2021. <p>In addition, all students and facilitators must comply with all Public Health Orders as they are announced/published.</p>
11 October 2021	<p>CENTRAL COAST LHD</p> <p>In line with the changes that come into effect on Monday 11.10.2021 all students in all disciplines (and years) who reside within the greater Sydney Local Government Areas are able to return to clinical placement at CCLHD from Monday 11th October 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students will be required to undergo COVID 19 testing before commencing clinical placement, ideally within the 24-48 hours prior to their first day of clinical placement. As this is a surveillance test they will be required to show proof of testing to their clinical supervisor/ manager but not need the result prior to returning. • Advise students to inform the CCLHD COVID 19 screeners that they have had a surveillance COVID 19 test • Students are required to complete the mandatory education eLearning modules on MHL –HETI NSW Health 46777047 Infection Prevention and Control Practices and 294450660 Personal protective equipment for combined transmission-based precautions • Students will need to sign in with the Service NSW QR code when entering CCLHD facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are required to have had their first COVID 19 vaccination or have a medical exemption as per the Public Health (COVID 19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers) Order 2021 to be compliant for clinical placement. • COVID Risk assessment for students will be treated in the same way as for CCLHD staff, the student's Education Provider will be informed of the risk assessment outcome and the implications for clinical placements. • FIT TESTING students are required to be fit tested prior to or on the first day of their clinical placement within: COVID-19 wards, emergency department (ED), intensive care units (ICU), Medical Imaging fast track and Drug and Alcohol as well as aerosolising areas – OT & Endoscopy, this is organised with the CCLHD WHS Fit testing team. If you have any questions about this please contact CCLHD-PlacementEnquiries@health.nsw.gov.au
<p>4 October 2021</p>	<p>TASMANIA – DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH</p> <p>A Public Health Direction was issued in Tasmania on Friday 10 September 2021 to help protect the State's most vulnerable people from a COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>The Direction requires all workers in health care settings and workers who provide health and medical services and treatments in both public and private health care settings to be vaccinated against COVID-19 on and from 31 October 2021.</p> <p>Students placed at the Department of Health or the Tasmanian Health Service are required to comply with the Direction and will need to provide evidence of vaccination in order to work in our facilities. To do this, they will need to provide you with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of their Immunisation History Statement, available from the Australian Immunisation Register; or • A copy of their COVID-19 digital certificate, available through Medicare. <p>If they have received a first dose of a COVID-19 and have a booking to receive their second dose, they will need to provide a copy of their <u>Immunisation History Statement</u> from the Australian Immunisation Register, as well as evidence of their appointment for their second dose.</p> <p>If they have not received a first dose of vaccine, but are booked to do so, they will need to provide evidence of that appointment.</p> <p>If they are unable to be vaccinated due to medical contraindication, they will need to provide a copy of the COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Contraindication Form prior to their placement being confirmed. Please note that as per the Direction, anyone who has an accepted medical contraindication is required to wear a fitted face covering while they are at medical or health facilities.</p> <p>Students who cannot provide the required evidence of vaccination or medical contraindication will not be permitted to enter Department of Health or Tasmanian Health Service work premises.</p> <p>If they are already placed within Department of Health facilities in Tasmania and their placement extends to and beyond 31 October 2021, they will need to provide evidence of vaccination as above. Failure to do so will result in termination of their placement from 30 October 2021.</p> <p>These measures are a critical step to ensuring the protection of our entire health workforce and to protect vulnerable Tasmanians in our care, and we thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this task.</p>
<p>30 September 2021</p>	<p>QUEENSLAND HEALTH</p> <p>Please be advised of current restrictions for student clinical placements in Queensland Health facilities and locations as per the following Queensland Chief Health Officer Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hospital Entry Direction</i> (No.4 or its successors) – with particular reference to Part 5 • <i>Queensland COVID-19 Restricted Areas</i> (No. 24) • <i>Residential Aged Care Direction</i> (No.7 or its successors) • <i>Disability Accommodation Services Direction</i> (No.23 or its successors) and • any relevant Direction/s regarding restricted and/or impacted areas. <p>Restricted areas: From 1:00am Saturday 11 September 2021, the Logan City Local Government Area (LGA) is considered a restricted area, as are the following wards of Brisbane City Council: Calamvale, Chandler,</p>

	<p>Coorparoo, Doboy, Forest Lake, Holland Park, Jamboree, Macgregor, Moorooka, Morningside, Runcorn, Tennyson, The Gabba, Wynnum-Manly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students cannot attend hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services to undertake a clinical placement. <p>Impacted areas: The local government areas of Brisbane City Council (remaining areas not listed as restricted), Gold Coast City Council, Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council remain impacted areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only students fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can enter hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services in these LGAs to undertake a clinical placement. • A student who is not vaccinated because of a contraindication cannot enter an impacted hospital for clinical placement. <p>For all other areas of Queensland: Full vaccination against COVID-19 is not currently required.</p>
<p>28 September 2021</p>	<p>ISLHD</p>  <p>COVID-19 Workforce Management - Studer</p> <p>Please find a revised student and clinical facilitator risk assessment form. Please ensure all students and clinical facilitators are aware of this new risk assessment form and process. Ensure that previous versions of the risk assessment are no longer available to students or facilitators.</p> <p>This change is effective immediately.</p>
<p>23 September 2021</p>	<p>NSW HETI</p> <p>Information about the automatic placement cancellation that will commence from next Thursday (30th September 2021).</p> <p>From the 30th of September, the ClinConnect system will cancel any placements that are due to start within 7 days where the student assigned has not had at least one TGA approved COVID-19 vaccination or submitted the contraindication form. The system will not cancel any placements that have already commenced. LHD's and EPs will need to ensure students are removed from placements that have already started if they have not had at least one dose.</p> <p>The COVID-19 vaccination contraindication fields will be available in the ClinConnect system on Tuesday the 28th of September. This data will be entered into the system over the next two days, ready for the 30th.</p> <p>The Infection Prevention and PPE mandatory training module completions will become available on the ClinConnect reports on Tuesday the 28th of September.</p>
<p>21 September 2021</p>	<p>SWSLHD</p>  <p>SWD21 106463 Letter to Western Syd</p> <p>Update re all placements within SWSLHD until 31 October, if not reviewed earlier.</p>
<p>20 September 2021</p>	<p>HNELHD - Nursing students only</p>  <p>Risk Assessment MH Student Placements C</p> <p>A risk assessment form will need to be completed by each nursing student allocated to a Mental Health placement and returned to me by the Monday of the week prior to placement commencement, going forward.</p> <p>The MH Director of Nursing will review each risk assessment and determine whether the student is able to attend their allocated placement.</p>

<p>13 September 2021</p>	<p>NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGY</p> <p>An update in regards to mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations - In line with the Public Health Order, students are now required to be vaccinated for COVID-19. To be eligible for consideration to perform work for NSW Health Pathology, all recruits must provide evidence against COVID-19 and comply with the requirements of the Public Health Order prior to appointment.</p> <p>If all students could please provide evidence prior to commencement - please make contact if you require any further information or have any further questions.</p>
<p>13 September 2021</p>	<p>HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LHD</p>  <p>Mandatory Vaccinations - Univers</p> <p>Please see attached letter from Kim Nguyen, Director of Workforce, Hunter New England Local Health District in regards to Mandatory Vaccinations.</p>
<p>12 September 2021</p>	<p>QUEENSLAND HEALTH</p> <p>Please be advised of current restrictions for student clinical placements in Queensland Health facilities and locations as per the following Queensland Chief Health Officer Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hospital Entry Direction</i> (No.4 or its successors) – with particular reference to Part 5 • <i>Queensland COVID-19 Restricted Areas</i> (No. 24) • <i>Residential Aged Care Direction</i> (No.7 or its successors) • <i>Disability Accommodation Services Direction</i> (No.23 or its successors) and • any relevant Direction/s regarding restricted and/or impacted areas. <p>Restricted areas: From 1:00am Saturday 11 September 2021, the Logan City Local Government Area (LGA) is considered a restricted area, as are the following wards of Brisbane City Council: Calamvale, Chandler, Coorparoo, Doboy, Forest Lake, Holland Park, Jamboree, Macgregor, Moorooka, Morningside, Runcorn, Tennyson, The Gabba, Wynnum-Manly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students cannot attend hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services to undertake a clinical placement. <p>Impacted areas: The local government areas of Brisbane City Council (remaining areas not listed as restricted), Gold Coast City Council, Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council remain impacted areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only students fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can enter hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services in these LGAs to undertake a clinical placement. • A student who is not vaccinated because of a contraindication cannot enter an impacted hospital for clinical placement. <p>For all other areas of Queensland: Full vaccination against COVID-19 is not currently required.</p>
<p>10 September 2021</p>	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p> <p>In line with the NSW Government update, the stay-at-home requirements have been lifted in parts of rural and regional New South Wales. Current COVID-19 rules NSW Government</p> <p><i>Stay at home orders remain in place for Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour, as well as the following rural/regional LGAs</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathurst • Bega • Blayney • Bogan • Bourke • Brewarrina • Broken Hill • Cabonne • Central Coast • Central Darling • Cessnock • Dubbo • Dungog • Eurobodalla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forbes • Gilgandra • Goulburn Mulwarre • Kiama • Lake Macquarie Lithgow • Maitland • Mid-Coast • Mid-Western • Muswellbrook • Narrabri • Narromine • Newcastle • Orange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkes • Port Stephens • Queanbeyan-Palerang • Shellharbour • Shoalhaven • Singleton • Snowy Monaro • Upper Hunter • Walgett • Wingecarribee
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Ramsay Health Care will **support** the following:

- All student placements from all year levels as booked via SPOT.
- Students who reside in the LGAs/Regions mentioned above cannot travel outside of the lock down areas for placement.
- Students must adhere to the public health orders in relation to vaccination.
- Students cannot look after SCOVID or COVID patients and cannot work in any facility with an outbreak.

When attending placements:

- All students must obtain a negative test result no more than 72 hrs prior to commencement of placement
- All students must adhere to the [additional restrictions and testing for affected Greater Sydney and regional LGA workers](#)
- All students must not have visited a [listed hotspot](#) location or been deemed close or causal contact, or been instructed to isolate by Public Health
- All students must not reside with an individual who is classified an identified close contact
- Students must comply with the stay-at-home directions if they have been in any of the above-mentioned areas in the last 14 days
- All students must not be exhibiting any [symptoms](#) (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea).
- All students must not work between health facilities (including paid employment) once commenced placement, unless in extenuating circumstance requiring risk assessment
- All students must follow the [NSW public health orders](#)
- [All students must strictly comply with the infection prevention and control processes at the facility](#)

All students are required to complete the Ramsay Health Care 'Coronavirus Mandatory Student Screening Form' **PRIOR** to commencement of placement, which is available via SPOT from Monday 13th September. Students will be treated similarly to staff in that, if coming from the specified regions, they must undergo screening and must always wear a mask and protective eye wear. Where indicated by student screening, a Risk Assessment may be required.

Should the Education Provider elect not to utilise a placement as booked via SPOT, please advise Kim via LallyK@ramsayhealth.com.au as soon as possible.

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NSW HEALTH

Re: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination For All Students Attending Placements in NSW

Thank you for your ongoing support and resilience as we work together to provide a safe space for student learning and the care of the NSW people during a pandemic.

I write to advise you of the new [Public Health \(COVID-19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers\) Order 2021](#) in relation to mandatory vaccinations for students. To undertake a placement in NSW Health, all students must now have obtained their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination by 30 September 2021 and both doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 30 November 2021. Please be assured that students will continue to be supported by NSW Health facilities to obtain their vaccinations in a timely manner.

Students can make a vaccination booking by visiting the [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker](#). This will give them access to a number of COVID-19 vaccination clinics across NSW, including GP and NSW Health clinics.

	<p>When booking, students need to identify as a 'health care worker'. All students will need to provide proof of enrolment.</p> <p>Students should be encouraged to book their COVID-19 vaccination using the recommended interval of at least seven (7) days between the different vaccines (e.g. a 7 day interval between a dose of FluVax and a COVID-19 Vaccine) as per the advice of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI). It is important they are also aware that they may not reach strengthened protection from the vaccination until at least 7 days after their second dose of the vaccine.</p> <p>ClinConnect has been updated to support student provision of COVID-19 vaccination evidence alongside the usual and ongoing mandatory vaccination requirements for student placements. All students have also recently been provided with access to the relevant Infection Prevention and Personal, Protective Equipment (PPE) training modules on the MyHealthLearning system.</p> <p>NSW Health will continue to support student placements on a risk assessment basis wherever possible throughout our pandemic response. However, additional considerations will continue to be necessary over the coming months as risk profiles change within the health system.</p> <p>FURTHER INFORMATION:</p> <p>Students attending placements in health care facilities Under the Public Health (COVID 19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers) Order 2021, students attending placements in NSW Health facilities will be required to have COVID-19 vaccinations.</p> <p>From 30 September 2021, the ClinConnect system will cancel placements for students who have not submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccination or • The completed and signed contraindication form. <p>From 30 November 2021, the ClinConnect system will cancel placements for students who have not submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccination or • The completed and signed contraindication form. <p>Students attending placements in Aged Care facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Public Health (COVID-19 Aged Care Facilities) Order 2021, students attending Aged Care Facilities will be required to have at least one COVID-19 vaccination from 31 October 2021. ClinConnect will not cancel these placements for non-compliance but students will be turned away from placement for non-compliance. <p>Students from areas of concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 20 September 2021, students will only be able to leave an area of concern for placement if they have had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or evidence of a medical exemption. <p>Vaccinations and evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students need to submit evidence of vaccinations that have been provisionally approved by the Therapeutic Goods Association (TGA). The list of provisionally approved vaccinations can be found on the TGA website. • Under the Public Order, acceptable evidence means evidence from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). This can be in the form of an online immunisation history statement or digital certificate. • Alternate documentation should be taken to a GP for assessment and entered into the AIR. This only applies to TGA approved vaccines. The AIR certificate would then be submitted for assessment. • Students with permanent or temporary contraindications to all approved vaccines can have their medical practitioner complete and sign the Contraindication Form. <p>More information For more information, please visit the NSW Health website.</p>
<p>8 September 2021</p>	<p>QUEENSLAND HEALTH The recent classification of Logan City Local Government Area as a <i>restricted area</i> has been lifted, effective 1:40pm 8 September 2021.</p> <p>Eleven (11) local government areas, including Logan City LGA, remain <i>impacted areas</i>. More information may be found at the following links:</p>

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new>
<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements>

In summary:

Restricted areas: There are currently no restricted areas in Queensland.

Impacted areas: The local government areas of Brisbane City Council, Gold Coast City Council, Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Logan City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council remain impacted areas.

- Only students fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can enter hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services in these LGAs to undertake a clinical placement.
- A student who is not vaccinated because of a contraindication cannot enter an impacted hospital for clinical placement.

For all other areas of Queensland: Full vaccination against COVID-19 is not currently required.

Please share these links and information with your networks. This has been distributed to offices of Vice-Chancellors and CEOs of education providers who hold current Deeds to enable clinical placements with Queensland Health, and to recent contacts to the Student Deeds email account.

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COVID-19



Vaccination



Education Provider

Vaccination, Exclusion requirements for all SPre-Placement Checkli

In our NSW and WA hospitals and services, St John of God Health Care now has mandatory requirements for all students, and visiting staff members of our placement partners (including facilitators) to have received their COVID-19 vaccination prior to attending placement. We expect that a similar regulation will come into effect in our Victorian hospitals and services in due course. Please see attached statement from our Group CEO, Dr Shane Kelly.

Due to the possibility of students on placement being re-allocated between different wards or identified classification tiers, the conditions are consistent for student and staff members across all areas of our hospitals and services. In addition to any further government mandated requirements for health care workers, student and staff members must adhere to the following vaccination timeline:

WA

1 st dose by 1 October	All students and staff members of education providers on placement at SJGHC hospitals and services in WA
Fully vaccinated by 1 November	

NSW

1 st dose by 30 September	All students and staff members of education providers on placement at SJGHC hospitals and services in NSW.
Fully vaccinated by 30 November	


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TBA	Dates of similar conditions for Victoria are anticipated. We will communicate them to you as and when they are available. We strongly encourage students and staff members of education providers who will be attending placements to get vaccinated as soon as possible to avoid any potential impact on future placements.
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Providing evidence

Evidence of student/staff vaccination can include either of the two government approved formats: online immunisation history statement, or COVID-19 digital certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register.

Students/staff will need to complete the attached updated “COVID-19 Vaccination, Exclusion Criteria and At Risk Form”, and provide it to the education provider, along with their evidence of vaccination, and where required by the form, a medical certificate clearing them as fit for placement. They may also be required to carry evidence of vaccination with them as per state government regulations. We require our education provider partners to collect, validate, and store this documentation in line with the terms of our student placement

	<p>agreement. We require education providers to notify us in the event of any notifiable items under the form. I have also attached an updated pre-placement checklist for education providers to outline our requirements and the agreed process under our student placement agreements.</p> <p>Medical exemption Any indication of students seeking to attend placement without vaccination due to a medical exemption should be notified to SJGHC by the education provider for consideration prior to placement.</p>
<p>4 September 2021</p>	<p>QUEENSLAND HEALTH</p> <p>At various times, restrictions are applied to clinical placements in Queensland. Please be advised that, from 10:00am Saturday 4 September 2021, the Logan City Local Government Area (LGA) is considered a restricted area. This means students cannot attend hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services in the Logan City LGA to undertake a clinical placement (regardless of their vaccination status).</p> <p>The local government areas of Brisbane City Council, Gold Coast City Council, Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council remain impacted areas. Only students fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can enter hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services in these LGAs to undertake a clinical placement. <i>Note: please refer directly to Part 5 of Hospital Entry Direction (No.4) for implications for students who have been in a restricted area since 10:00am Saturday 4 September 2021.</i></p> <p>For all other areas of Queensland, full vaccination against COVID-19 is not currently required. <i>Note: please refer directly to Part 5 of Hospital Entry Direction (No.4) for implications for students who have been in a restricted area since 10:00am Saturday 4 September 2021.</i></p> <p>While single Directions should not be read without consideration of other Directions in effect, of particular relevance to student clinical placements are the Chief Health Officer public health Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hospital Entry Direction (No.4)</i> – with particular reference to Part 5 • <i>Residential Aged Care Direction (No.7)</i> • <i>Disability Accommodation Services Direction (No.23)</i> and • any relevant Direction/s regarding restricted and/or impacted areas. <p>These Directions have been updated effective today, 4 September 2021. Information will be posted to the clinical placements website in the coming hours and will be available at the following links: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements</p>
<p>31 August 2021</p>	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p>  <p>Student Placements at RHC_ COVID 19 Vaccination</p> <p>VACCINATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS Ramsay Health Care will continue to support students for placement where possible, in line with the relevant state health advice and Public Health Directions. All students are required to complete the <i>Mandatory COVID Screening Form</i> an additional Risk Assessment may be issued as required, to determine risk case by case basis.</p> <p>The Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (no 2) was updated on the weekend (attached). The new Order affects authorised workers (including students) who reside in one of the 12 LGAs of concern, which are: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-area</p> <p>From Monday 6 September: An authorised worker who is over the age of 16 and who resides in an LGA of concern and works outside of their LGA of concern must have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine to be permitted to work or undertake clinical placement.</p> <p>This Order rescinds the requirement for Rapid Antigen Testing.</p> <p>There is a priority booking system for Pfizer vaccines for all authorised workers in the LGAs of concern: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw/authorised-workers</p> <p>Students must take their student ID with them to the appointment as proof of occupation.</p> <p>You must allow students time to attend the appointment as soon as possible. The affected authorised students must provide evidence of their first vaccine to their placement supervisor as soon as practicable.</p>

	<p>We appreciate all Education Providers' assistance in advising students who are allocated to a placement with Ramsay Health Care of these requirements.</p> <p>As per notification that was sent on 23/08/2021, PCR COVID negative test is required no more than 72 hours prior to placement. Students are unable to attend if they cannot produce evidence of a negative test result. Students are asked to email the Hospital Coordinator with their negative COVID test result and proof of vaccination prior to placement and bring evidence with them to orientation.</p> <p>It is important to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorised workers (including students) from the LGAs of concern are required to carry a permit from Service NSW declaring that they are an authorised worker and cannot work from home • Anyone entering an LGA of concern for the purposes of work (including students) must carry a worker permit issued by Service NSW <p>Students are not to attend placement if feeling unwell with cold or flu like symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea).</p>
<p>28 August 2021</p>	<p>SWSLHD</p>  <p>Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination)</p> <p>Please inform your students who have placements within SWSLHD from 28th August onwards, of the following 2 important directions (I have notified the SWSLHD clinicians that students have been informed of these requirements).</p> <p>Firstly, from the 28th of August, students must carry a 'workers permit' if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in an local government area (LGA) of concern and they need to leave that LGA for work &/or • Need to enter an LGA of concern for work <p>Students can apply for the permit through Service NSW – https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/register-your-travel-within-nsw</p> <p>The LGAs/Areas of Concern (as at 27/08/2021 – this is subject to change) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Local Government Areas of Bayside, Blacktown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool, Parramatta and Strathfield • the suburbs of Caddens, Claremont Meadows, Colyton, Erskine Park, Kemps Creek, Kingswood, Mount Vernon, North St Marys, Orchard Hills, Oxley Park, St Clair and St Marys (within the Local Government Area of Penrith). <p>Secondly, as per the attached NSW Health Public Order (PHO), all NSW Health Workers, including students, must have completed their 1st dose of COVID 19 by the 30th September with the 2nd dose required by the 30th November 2021. <u>The only form of evidence acceptable from now onwards</u> (as per the PHO) is an online immunisation history statement or a COVID-19 digital certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register. If a students is requested to provide evidence of their vaccination on or after 30th September 2021, and the student is unable to provide the evidence, they will be sent home.</p>
<p>27 August 2021</p>	<p>WSLHD</p> <p>As per the NSW Health Public orders, all NSW Health Workers, including students, must have completed their 1st dose of COVID 19 by the 30th September with the 2nd dose required by the 30th November 2021.</p> <p>From Monday 30th August, anyone who resides in one of the LGA Areas of Concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cannot leave that LGA Area of Concern unless they are an Authorised Worker • cannot leave the LGA Area of Concern as an Authorised Worker unless they have at least 1 dose of COVID 19 vaccination • cannot leave the LGA Area of Concern as an Authorised Worker without a Travel Permit issued by Service NSW. <p>The Areas of Concern are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Local Government Area of Bayside

- the Local Government Area of **Blacktown**
- the Local Government Area of **Burwood**
- the Local Government Area of **Campbelltown**
- the Local Government Area of **Canterbury-Bankstown**
- the Local Government Area of **Cumberland**
- the Local Government Area of **Fairfield**
- the Local Government Area of **Georges River**
- the Local Government Area of **Liverpool**
- the Local Government Area of **Parramatta**
- the Local Government Area of **Strathfield**
- the **suburbs** of Caddens, Claremont Meadows, Colyton, Erskine Park, Kemps Creek, Kingswood, Mount Vernon, North St Marys, Orchard Hills, Oxley Park, St Clair and St Marys (within the Local Government Area of Penrith).

Contact all students due to commence placement in WSLHD from Monday 30th August and ensure that they are aware of the new NSW Health Public Orders.

Kink to Service NSW for the Travel permit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/register-your-travel-within-nsw>

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RAMSAY HEALTHCARE



Student Placements
at RHC_COVID 19_V2

VACCINATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS 23/08/2021

Ramsay Health Care will continue to support students for placement where possible, in line with the relevant state health advice and Public Health Directions. All students are required to complete the *Mandatory COVID Screening Form* an additional Risk Assessment may be issued as required, to determine risk case by case basis.



Please note the following requirements for students allocated to Ramsay from today the 23/8/2021:

Ramsay Facilities by State	Vaccination	Negative COVID Test
NSW	If the student resides in a LGA of concern, they require at least one vaccine at a minimum or will be subject to daily Rapid Testing.	PCR COVID negative test is required, no more than 72 hours prior to placement. Students are unable to attend if they cannot produce evidence of negative test. Unvaccinated students who reside in the LGAs of concern will be subject to daily rapid testing
QLD	Mandatory, evidence of both vaccinations required	PCR COVID negative test is required, no more than 72 hours prior to placement. Students are unable to attend if they cannot produce evidence of negative test.
SA	Recommended, not mandatory	No COVID test is required prior to placement
VIC	Recommended, not mandatory	COVID negative test is required, no more than 72 hours prior to placement. Students are unable to attend if they cannot produce evidence of negative test.
WA	Recommended, not mandatory	No COVID test is required prior to placement

- Students who commenced placement prior to the 23/8/2021, are able to continue on placement and self-monitor for signs or symptoms.
- Students who commence placement on or after the 23/8/2021, are to adhere to the details in the table above. As this is considered asymptomatic routine surveillance the students can attend this week without a negative test result. It will be mandatory for all students commencing from 30/08/2021 onwards.

We appreciate all Education Providers assistance in advising the students allocated to a placement at Ramsay Health Care of these requirements.

Students are asked to email the Hospital Contact with their negative COVID test prior to placement and bring evidence with them to orientation.

	<p>Students are not to attend placement if feeling unwell with cold or flu like symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea).</p>
<p>23 August 2021</p>	<p>SWSLHD</p> <p> PD2021_028.pdf</p> <p>Due to the continuing impact of COVID-19 , South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) has decided to restrict student placements from 30th August to 26th September 2021 inclusive.</p> <p>The current decision is to keep the following students within:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Our Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwifery Students – all years of study • Final year Medical students • Final year Nursing students • Final year Allied Health students • Final year students from all other disciplines • All students and facilitators who attend placement <u>MUST be fully COVID-19 vaccinated</u> and have their evidence with them. 2. <u>Our Vaccination Centres</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWSLHD will continue to offer WSU student placements within our vaccination hubs and clinics as previously arranged with the requirement that any student placed at a Vaccination centre must meet the criteria as detailed in the attached PD2021_028. <p>All students and facilitators must comply with all Public Health Orders as they are announced/published.</p> <p>Placements will be cancelled and/or have changes to their start date on ClinConnect today and tomorrow.</p>
<p>20 August 2021</p>	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p> <p> Student Placements at RHC_ COVID 19 Up</p> <p>Ramsay Health Care will support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All student placements from all year levels as booked via SPOT. For Greater Sydney, this is at the sites' discretion, continuing to prioritise final years as required by the Education Provider. • Students who reside in Greater Sydney cannot travel to regional NSW for clinical placement • Students must adhere to the advice of their University in relation to vaccination. • Students cannot look after SCOVID or COVID patients and cannot work in any facility with an outbreak. <p>Hospitals Discretion: The current restrictions on elective surgery will have varying impact on our Sydney Metropolitan hospitals and occupancy. Please note that all student placements are at the discretion of the hospital executives. We will continue to update all changes via SPOT, so please notify of any changes or cancellations that are required.</p> <p>Review: Hospital Educators at each site will need to undertake a review of upcoming placements as booked via SPOT, and advise of any edits required, taking into current capacity and ability to meet student learning needs. Please note, where reductions are required, we ask you to prioritise final year students.</p> <p>When attending placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students must be tested for COVID prior to commencement of clinical placement, the test should be no more than 72 hours prior to commencing work. Students are unable to attend if they cannot produce evidence of the test. • From 00:01 Saturday 28 August, students who reside in an LGA of concern, and work outside of the LGA of concern, will be subject to daily rapid antigen testing, unless they have had their first COVID vaccination. • From Saturday, 28 August, authorised workers from the LGAs of concern are required to carry a permit from Service NSW declaring that they are an authorised worker and cannot work from home

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Saturday, 28 August, anyone entering an LGA of concern for the purposes of work must carry a worker permit issued by Service NSW • All students must adhere to the additional restrictions and testing for affected Sydney LGA workers and be aware of and comply with increased compliance measures. • All students must not have visited a listed hotspot location or been deemed close or causal contact, or been instructed to isolate by Public Health • All students must not reside with an individual who is classified an identified close contact and undertake clinical placement • Students must comply with the stay-at-home directions. • All students must not be exhibiting any symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea). • All students must not work between health facilities (including paid employment) once commenced placement, unless in extenuating circumstance requiring risk assessment • All students must follow the NSW public health orders and be aware of Local Government areas of concern and apply with any additional restrictions for these. • All students must strictly comply with the infection prevention and control processes at the facility <p>Students are strongly encouraged to schedule their COVID vaccination as soon as possible, as it is anticipated additional restrictions will be implemented by NSW Health requiring all staff and students to be vaccinated.</p> <p>All students are required to complete the Ramsay Health Care 'Coronavirus Mandatory Student Screening Form' at the commencement of placement, and will be treated similarly to staff in that, if coming from the specified regions, they must undergo screening and must always wear a mask and protective eye wear. Where indicated by student screening, a Risk Assessment may be required.</p> <p>Should the Education Provider elect not to utilise the placement as booked via SPOT, please advise Kim via LallyK@ramsayhealth.com.au as soon as possible.</p> <p>We welcome your questions as we work together during this time to provide high quality student placements, while ensuring the safety of our students, staff and patients.</p>
18 August 2021	<p>CENTRAL COAST LHD</p> <p>The proposed plan is to return all students (all disciplines) who reside within the Central Coast Local Government Area to clinical placement on the 30.8.2021 at CCLHD facilities. This plan will be reviewed on Wednesday 25/08/2021 and I will be sending out an email to confirm if this will go ahead or not.</p> <p>All students will be required to undergo COVID 19 testing before commencing clinical placement, ideally within these dates 28th to 29th August or within 48 hours prior to their first shift – if their first shift is on Wednesday 1/09/2021 the test for COVID 19 should take place on the 30th or 31st August. They will be required to show proof of testing to their clinical supervisor/ manager, the students do not need to have the test result prior to commencing clinical placement.</p> <p>If a student has been in the any of the Sydney LGA- that are areas of concern (https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-area) and have now returned to live on the Central Coast LGA prior to placement than they will be required to undertake COVID 19 testing every 72 hours for 2 weeks inclusive to return to clinical placement.</p> <p>Currently we are not hosting students who reside within any Sydney LGA.</p>
12 August 2021	<p>QUEENSLAND HEALTH</p> <p>A summary of restrictions may be found at: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements</p> <p>Further detail is included in the following Directions of most relevance to clinical placements, and which will be uploaded overnight at the following link: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Restrictions for Impacted Areas (No.13)(SEQ, Cairns and Yarrabah eased restrictions Stage 1) Direction</i> • <i>Hospital Entry Direction (No.3)</i> • <i>Residential Aged Care Direction (No.4) and</i> • <i>Disability Accommodation Services Direction (No.22).</i>
10 August 2021	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p>



Student Placements
at RHC_ COVID 19 Up

Ramsay Health Care will **support** the following:

- All student placements from all year levels as booked via SPOT.
- Students who reside in the following LGAs/Regions cannot travel outside of the lock down areas for placement:
 - Armidale LGA
 - Ballina, Byron Bay, City of Lismore or Richmond Valley LGAs
 - Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Singleton LGAs
 - Greater Sydney Region including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour
 - Tamworth LGA
- Students must adhere to the advice of their University in relation to vaccination.
- Students cannot look after SCOVID or COVID patients and cannot work in any facility with an outbreak.

When attending placements:

- Students who reside in Fairfield, Canterbury Bankstown or Cumberland LGAs must undergo COVID testing every 72 hours, and show evidence of having undergone the test prior to commencing work
- All students in lockdown areas must obtain a negative test result no more than 72 hrs prior to commencement of placement
- All students must adhere to the [additional restrictions and testing for affected Sydney LGA workers](#)
- All students must not have visited a [listed hotspot](#) location or been deemed close or causal contact, or been instructed to isolate by Public Health
- All students must not reside with an individual who is classified an identified close contact
- Students must comply with the stay-at-home directions if they have been in:
 - Armidale LGA on or after Thursday 29 July
 - Ballina, Byron Bay, City of Lismore or Richmond Valley LGAs on or after Saturday 31 July 2021
 - Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens or Singleton LGAs on or after Saturday 31 July 2021
 - Sydney Region in the past 14 days (direct travel through the airport excluded)
 - Tamworth LGA on or after Thursday 5th August 2021
- All students must not be exhibiting any [symptoms](#) (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea).
- All students must not work between health facilities (including paid employment) once commenced placement, unless in extenuating circumstance requiring risk assessment
- All students must follow the [NSW public health orders](#)
- [All students must strictly comply with the infection prevention and control processes at the facility](#)

All students are required to complete the Ramsay Health Care 'Coronavirus Mandatory Student Screening Form' at the commencement of placement, and will be treated similarly to staff in that, if coming from the specified regions, they must undergo screening and must always wear a mask and protective eye wear. Where indicated by student screening, a Risk Assessment may be required.

Should the Education Provider elect not to utilise the placement as booked via SPOT, please advise Kim via LallyK@ramsayhealth.com.au as soon as possible.

9 August
2021

QUEENSLAND HEALTH

An update to the Queensland Health clinical placements site has been made to reflect a clarification to vaccination requirements for students attending placements in Queensland:


<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new>
<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements>




8 August
2021


Mandatory vaccination of RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE WORKERS including students


The requirements mandate that at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine be administered by mid-September 2021 for all residential aged care workers. This includes students on placement.

This decision was agreed to by the Prime Minister and all state and territory first ministers at the National Cabinet meeting on 28 June 2021.

	<p>Further details, including information about access to vaccinations and exemptions, are available here: https://mcusercontent.com/1108de8332cef333bc1956686/files/bc552c1f-874d-d138-bd3d-82835e658499/Mandatory_Vaccination_of_Aged_Care_Workers.pdf</p>
<p>7 August 2021</p>	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p> <p>Updated position with regards to student placements at Ramsay Health Care across our New South Wales facilities:</p>  <p>Student Placements at RHC_ COVID 19 Up</p> <p><i>Armidale local government area restrictions will <u>commence at 5pm today (Saturday 7 August 2021) until 12.01am Sunday 15 August 2021</u>. Restrictions apply to anyone who has been in the Armidale local government area since the beginning of 29 July 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Newcastle, Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens and Singleton local government area restrictions are in place <u>until 12.01 Friday 13th August 2021</u>.</i></p> <p>Ramsay Health Care will support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All student placements from all year levels as booked via SPOT. • Students who reside in Greater Sydney, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong, and Shellharbour cannot travel outside of the lock down area for placement. • Students who reside in Newcastle, Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens and Singleton cannot travel outside of the lock down area for placement. • Students who reside in the Armidale LGA area cannot travel outside of the lock down area for placement. • Students must adhere to the advice of their University in relation to vaccination. • Students cannot look after SCOVID or COVID patients and cannot work in any facility with an outbreak. <p>When attending placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who reside in Fairfield, Canterbury Bankstown or Cumberland LGAs must undergo COVID testing every 72 hours, and show evidence of having undergone the test prior to commencing work • All students in lockdown areas must obtain a negative test result no more than 72 hrs prior to commencement of placement • All students must adhere to the additional restrictions and testing for affected Sydney LGA workers • All students must not have visited a listed hotspot location or been deemed close or causal contact, or been instructed to isolate by Public Health • All students must not reside with an individual who is classified an identified close contact • Comply with the stay-at-home directions if they have been in Greater Sydney, Hunter or Armidale Regions in the past 14 days (direct travel through the airport excluded) • All students must not be exhibiting any symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea). • All students must not work between health facilities (including paid employment) once commenced placement, unless in extenuating circumstance requiring risk assessment • All students must follow the NSW public health orders • All students must strictly comply with the infection prevention and control processes at the facility <p>All students are required to complete the Ramsay Health Care 'Coronavirus Mandatory Student Screening Form' at the commencement of placement, and will be treated similarly to staff in that, if coming from the specified regions, they must undergo screening and must always wear a mask and protective eye wear. Where indicated by student screening, a Risk Assessment may be required.</p> <p>Should the Education Provider elect not to utilise the placement as booked via SPOT, please advise Kim via LallyK@ramsayhealth.com.au as soon as possible.</p>
<p>6 August 2021</p>	<p>Queensland Health</p> <p>Further advice from the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young, through the State Health Emergency Coordination Centre, regarding clinical placements. This information has been updated to the clinical placements website, the links for which are provided below.</p> <p>By way of summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students (including those vaccinated) attending clinical placements at facilities within the local government areas of Cairns and Yarrabah, or that have travelled during lockdown from these LGAs, <u>are not permitted</u> to undertake a clinical placement during the next seven (7) days.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other students are permitted to resume clinical placements from Monday 9 August 2021 if they are fully vaccinated. <p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements</p>
<p>4 August 2021</p>	<p>Western NSW LHD</p> <p>All students must be COVID tested and received a negative result two days prior to commencing placement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is strongly recommended that all students are fully vaccinated at least 7 days prior to placement. Students must also provide evidence of a negative COVID test result conducted within 2 days prior to placement date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No vaccination evidence supplied - the student will not be provided with a placement. Consideration may be given in certain mitigating circumstances. Students who do not provide vaccination evidence will be forwarded to the COVID Committee for further advice and final decision Complete the new attached form at least 1 week prior to commencement. And forward that to WNSWLHD-RMUCOVID-19@health.nsw.gov.au. All students who have been cleared will be provided with a clearance letter and are to bring this with them on placement. <p>For any student who is currently required to comply with current Stay at Home Orders as part of the Public Health Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 swab test result conducted 48 hours prior to placement. Must also have a COVID-19 swab test at the completion of each week of their placement for the period of the stay home order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a drive through Testing Clinic located right across from the hospital. <p>In addition all students must complete 7 orientation education modules prior to commencement of placement. The following 5 modules are listed on ClinConnect which will also advise if they have been completed previously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hand Hygiene Infection Control- Basic Between the Flags- Tier 1 Know your Boundaries- Code of Conduct/ Privacy Occupational Work Health & Safety Introduction <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Fact Sheet 34 - Staff Wellness Risk Assessment </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Fact Sheet 35 – Internal Process for Staff </div> </div> <p>The additional 2 HETI Moodle modules are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PPE for Combined Transmission Based Precaution Infection Prevention Enhanced Precaution
<p>5 August 2021</p>	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p> <p>Updated position with regards to student placements at Ramsay Health Care across our New South Wales facilities:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Student Placements at RHC_ COVID 19 Update </div> <p>Ramsay Health Care will support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All student placements from all year levels as booked via SPOT. Students who reside in Greater Sydney, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong, and Shellharbour cannot travel outside of the lock down area for placement. Students who reside in Newcastle, Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens and Singleton cannot travel outside of the lock down area for placement. Students must adhere to the advice of their University in relation to vaccination. Students cannot look after SCOVID or COVID patients and cannot work in any facility with an outbreak.

	<p>When attending placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who reside in Fairfield or Canterbury Bankstown LGA must undergo COVID testing every 72 hours, and show evidence of having undergone the test prior to commencing work • All students in lockdown areas must obtain a negative test result within 72 hrs prior to commencement of placement • All students must adhere to the additional restrictions and testing for affected Sydney LGA workers • All students must not have visited a listed hotspot location or been deemed close or causal contact, or been instructed to isolate by Public Health • All students must not reside with an individual who is classified an identified close contact • Comply with the stay-at-home directions if they have been in Greater Sydney, or Hunter Region in the past 14 days (direct travel through the airport excluded) • All students must not be exhibiting any symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea). • All students must not work between health facilities (including paid employment) once commenced placement, unless in extenuating circumstance requiring risk assessment • All students must follow the NSW public health orders <p>All students are required to complete the Ramsay Health Care 'Coronavirus Mandatory Student Screening Form' at the commencement of placement, and will be treated similarly to staff in that, if coming from the specified regions, they must undergo screening and must wear a mask at all times. Where indicated by student screening, a Risk Assessment may be required.</p> <p>Should the Education Provider elect not to utilise the placement as booked via SPOT, please advise LallyK@ramsayhealth.com.au as soon as possible.</p> <p>We welcome your questions as we work together during this time to provide high quality student placements, while ensuring the safety of our students, staff and patients.</p>
30 July 2021	<p>Central Coast LHD</p> <p>Please see attached Letter in regard to the suspension of all student placements, School Based Apprenticeships and Trainees (SBATs), Aboriginal Cadetships and the University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong Hospital, till the 15th August 2021.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Request - Temporary Suspension to all Stuc</p>
29 July 2021	<p>Due to the escalating impact of COVID-19, South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) has decided to restrict student placements from 2nd August to 29th August 2021 inclusive.</p> <p>The current decision is to keep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwifery Students – all years of study • Final year Medical students • Final year Nursing students • Final year Allied Health students • Final year students from all other disciplines <p>All students who attend placement <u>MUST be fully COVID-19 vaccinated</u> and have their evidence with them.</p> <p>All students must comply with all Public Health Orders as they are announced/published.</p>
29 July 2021	<p>RAMSAY HEALTHCARE</p> <p>Given the increases in COVID restrictions, some relating to specific LGA's, ensure that Ramsay can access in advance the suburbs of residence for students who have upcoming placements. This is particularly important for Ramsay sites who are located out of the greater Sydney region, such as Southern Highlands, Nowra and Newcastle regions, where students from the Greater Sydney Region are not permitted to travel outside the lockdown zone.</p>
29 July 2021	<p>ClinConnect Business Rules and Placement principles</p> <p>NSW HETI have <u>temporarily relaxed the ClinConnect Business Rules</u> to help manage placements during the current NSW restrictions and lockdowns. NSW HETI needs to ensure that the placement activity is accurately recorded in ClinConnect to help us to understand the impact of the pandemic and help us with planning for future placements.</p> <p>Temporary Business Rules</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Provider users now can request placements (Request Placement by Exception) up to 14 days before the placement is due to start (was 21) • Health Service users now can create placements (Create Placements by Exception) up to 14 days before the placement is due to start (was 21) • Health Service Coordinators now can create placements by exception up to the day before the placement is due to start • Education Provider users now can assign students to placements 14 days before the placement is due to start before the automatic cancellation occurs (was 21) <p>General principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any placements that will not commence but have not yet started, please <i>cancel</i> them in ClinConnect. The cancellation should be performed by the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education Provider if the Education Provider or student decides not to continue with the placement ○ Health Service if the Health Service needs to make changes to the number and/or location of placements • For any placements that have 'started' but did not go ahead, the Health Service should mark them as <i>Not Commenced - Turned Away</i>. • For any placements that started but will now be shortened, the Health Service should shorten the placement by changing the end date OR record this via daily attendance. • For any placements that are being postponed, please let us know so that we can change the dates of the placement to the later time. <p>Please also let NSW HETI know if any past placement activity (2021) needs amending in ClinConnect to ensure it reflects reality.</p>
26 July 2021	<p>Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD</p> <p>It is expected that Western will review upcoming student placements and make any reasonable adjustments based upon the latest COVID19 news and updates. These adjustments can be entered directly in ClinConnect by the Education Provider up to one week prior to clinical placement start date.</p>  <p>Letter to Education Providers - Risk Asses</p> <p>The Student Risk Assessment is to be completed the week before students and clinical facilitators commence in the LHD. The completed Risk Assessment and accompanying documentation is to be returned by the Education Provider to the respective ISLHD ClinConnect Discipline Lead (listed below) for review and action.</p> <p>Following review of the risk assessment the Education Provider will receive advice on the outcome directly from the ISLHD ClinConnect Discipline Lead.</p> <p>Queries and concerns from either the education provider or the ClinConnect Lead can be directed to the N&M Directorate (ISLHD-NMDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au).</p>
23 July 2021	<p>St John of God Health Care</p> <p>Prerequisite placement requirements for students: the COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria and At Risk Form has been updated. The following addition has been made:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Students and/or education providers (where they have been made aware) must notify SJGHC prior to placement if a student is working in aged care facilities. The hospital will undertake a risk assessment to determine if the relevant placement may proceed or if any further requirements will be introduced for that placement to continue.</p> <p>The updated document is now available in in InPlace Network and will be communicated with students as part of new activation emails moving forward. We appreciate your ongoing support and assistance in managing constantly evolving healthcare directives, and please feel free to contact me for any further questions or clarification required.</p>
16 July 2021	<p>NSW - South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD)</p> <p>SWSLHD is requiring, effective immediately, all students be fully COVID-19 vaccinated if they have a placement in any Emergency Department, COVID ward and/or COVID ICU. The date of their 2nd dose of vaccine must be at least 7 days prior to placement commencement. Their vaccination must be recorded in ClinConnect or the</p>

	<p>student must bring their COVID-19 digital certificate or their Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) history statement as evidence.</p>
16 July 2021	<p>Queensland Health placements</p> <p>A communique was shared with relevant Schools from the Queensland Health Vaccine Command Centre regarding clinical placements and changed COVID-19 vaccination requirements for students attending Queensland Health facilities. This is an extension to the changes which came into effect in Queensland at 8:00pm Wednesday 7 July 2021.</p> <p>In summary: From 8pm Wednesday, 7 July 2021, any students who are on a clinical placement in connection with an enrolled course of study must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before they may be permitted to enter a restricted vulnerable facility. Restricted vulnerable facilities are defined as hospitals, residential aged care facilities, disability accommodation services (please note that for residential aged care facilities and disability accommodation services the vaccination requirement applies to all students on a placement, whether clinical or otherwise), or correctional centres local government areas (LGAs) listed in the Queensland COVID-19 Restricted Areas Direction.</p> <p>This and additional information is also available at the following links:</p> <p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new</p> <p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements</p> <p>Please note: the best and most accurate source of information regarding clinical placements in Queensland Health facilities is the clinical placements website at https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement It is best to check this regularly throughout ordinary operations (every one or two weeks), and more frequently in the case of an extraordinary event. Changes to the website are routinely provided on the “What’s new” page</p>
15 July 2021	<p>NSW - Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network</p> <p>In response to the evolving COVID situation in NSW, Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network (the Network) have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment for the continuation of student clinical placements. From Monday 26 July 2021, it will be a requirement for all students attending Network facilities to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.</p> <p>The Network appreciates that the Ministry of Health have not mandated all students to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. However, mitigating the risk to the Network’s vulnerable patient population and environment is a priority. This strategy will enable the Network to continue its student placement program by providing a unique opportunity for students to experience health care in a custodial and forensic setting.</p> <p>As at the time of writing, students currently assigned to a placement will be required to provide evidence of their full COVID-19 vaccination status if it is not yet verified in ClinConnect. Students who are not fully vaccinated that are currently attending placement within the Network, are being risk assessed as appropriate if they are in an area treating undifferentiated/undiagnosed patients. For placements commencing from Monday 26 July 2021 onwards, the Network will be contacting students to determine their current vaccination status. For students that indicate they will not be fully vaccinated prior to their placement commencing, we will direct them to contact their clinical office to discuss alternative options.</p> <p>The Network understands this will significantly impact students who are already assigned to attend future placements within the Network. Where possible, they will support the reallocation of fully vaccinated students to these placements, as part of their commitment to working with Western to facilitate student placements and the completion of placement hours</p>
14 July 2021	<p>NSW - South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD)</p> <p><u>Clinical placement in SWSLHD will continue as planned.</u> SWSLHD has instructed its staff to check students COVID-19 testing status if they live within the Fairfield LGA (via the same processes used to check staff at their facility/service) and ensure that current and incoming students from this LGA, have had a COVID-19 test within the last 72-hours.</p>

Clause 24B provides detail on the requirements for workers that reside in the Fairfield LGA to undertake testing every 72 hours, and 24C provides detail on the requirements for workers from Greater Sydney working outside the Greater Sydney area to undertake testing every 7 days.

Please ensure student cohorts are aware of the new requirements under the Order, and advise those that are captured by the order that if they are attending placement at a public hospital (or indeed any employing organisation outside the Fairfield LGA) that they will be asked to produce evidence of testing within the required period in order to start the shift.

SWSLHD is requiring, effective immediately, all students be fully COVID-19 vaccinated if they have a placement in any Emergency Department, COVID ward and/or COVID ICU. The date of their 2nd dose of vaccine must be at least 7 days prior to placement commencement. Their vaccination must be recorded in ClinConnect or the student must bring their COVID-19 digital certificate or their Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) history statement as evidence.

8 July 2021 **NSW - Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD)**

A number of wards / units in WSLHD now require students and facilitators to have received (at least the first dose of) a COVID-19 vaccine at least five days prior to commencing their placements. In WSLHD, these wards / units are:

<p>Auburn Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency • Operating Suite • Close Observation Unit 	<p>Mt Druitt Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1A Children's Ward Emergency
<p>Blacktown Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A21 Emergency • A51 Intensive Care • A61 Newborn Care • C72 Respiratory / ARU • Operating Suite 	<p>Westmead Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D3e Cardiothoracic Intensive Care • E3a/E3b/E3c Intensive Care Unit • K1 Emergency • B5a/c Respiratory Medicine • B5b Respiratory Close Observation Unit • NICU Neonatal Intensive Care • Op Suite

As a priority, all students and facilitators whom are / will be allocated to these areas should have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.