

Proof of vaccination to be expanded State-wide from January 31

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- Expanded proof of vaccination policy to apply State-wide
- Additional requirements to take effect from January 31, 2022, based on health advice
- People encouraged to use the ServiceWA app to provide proof of vaccination
- Western Australians urged to get vaccinated, including third doses, if eligible

Proof of vaccination requirements will be expanded from Monday, January 31, to apply to venues and events State-wide, and now include new higher-risk venues.

Since January 4, proof of vaccination has been required for a number of higher risk venues and events in Perth and Peel, as part of a safe transition from the Delta backpacker cluster and to help keep Western Australia safe from the growing threat of Omicron.

Based on the latest health advice, from Monday, January 31, proof of vaccination requirements will apply State-wide and be expanded to include new higher-risk venues.

Double dose proof of vaccination for those aged 16 and older will be required for:

- visitors to public and private hospitals, and aged care facilities;
- all hospitality venues including restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs, clubs, taverns, night clubs and dine-in fast food (roadhouses, service stations and takeaway is exempt);
- indoor entertainment venues, including play centres, gaming and gambling, theatres, concert halls, museums, cinemas and live music venues;
- bottle shops;
- the entire Crown Perth complex;
- major stadiums;
- gyms, fitness centres and health studios;
- amusement parks and the Zoo; and
- music festivals and large events with more than 500 people, unless exempt.

Community sport and school-based events, unless at one of the specific venues listed, are exempt from the proof of vaccination requirement.

People will be required to show proof of their COVID-19 vaccination, either in a digital or paper-based form, along with approved identification if not using the ServiceWA app. Visit <https://www.wa.gov.au> to see information on getting proof of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Venues, staff and patrons will have a shared responsibility when it comes to proof of vaccination, with venues required to take reasonable steps to ensure all patrons are double dose vaccinated, or exempt.

ServiceWA is a free app that allows people to show proof of vaccination, check-in with SafeWA and access a G2G Pass for interstate travel - all in one place.

ServiceWA can be downloaded from the following links:

- Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/servicewa/id1599181775>
- Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.wa.digital.service.mobile.servicewa.citizen>

Comments attributed to Premier Mark McGowan:

"The interim proof of vaccination policy, brought in earlier this month to help us transition out of the backpacker outbreak safely, has been a success.

"Based on the latest health advice, we will be expanding the proof of vaccination requirement to venues throughout WA and adding further higher risk venues to the policy.

"The expanded policy will take effect from January 31 when vaccination mandates for the Group 2 workforce will also take effect.

"This means the vast majority of Western Australians will be double dose vaccinated and we are providing businesses and venues more than two weeks to implement the changes.

"I thank businesses and the community for their efforts in Perth and Peel to make the policy to date a success. We now need to replicate that success across the State.

"We know that those in hospitals around the country are mainly unvaccinated people, so I urge you if you aren't vaccinated - do it now.

"If you don't get vaccinated, the message is clear - we will not let you put others at risk."

Comments attributed to Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson:

"Vaccination is our best protection from COVID-19 and we thank Western Australians for doing the right thing and rolling up their sleeves.

"The Omicron variant is a game changer and as we head towards our safe transition it is essential that we implement the necessary public health and social measures to protect ourselves.

"Proof of vaccination is one of these important measures and I know businesses and communities across the State will embrace these new measures, just as those in the Perth and Peel regions have done these past few weeks.

"The new ServiceWA app, which integrates vaccination certificates with the check-in function of SafeWA, will make these processes easier going forward.

"I'd encourage all Western Australians to take the time to register with ServiceWA and get vaccinated, if you haven't already."