

28 Cavell Street
Calingiri, WA 6569
22 November 2021



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

Covid-19 Vaccination Mandate

Dear Shire of Victoria Plains Bush Fire Volunteers,

The Chief Health Officer (CHO) released a *public health order* on Friday 12 November 2021 ([link](#)) which now mandates vaccines for emergency services workers, which also includes our Bushfire Volunteers, Spontaneous Volunteers (farmer response) and staff.

This means as of 12:01am on 1 December 2021, it will be unlawful for anyone to attend any emergency service building or incident area without at least their first Covid-19 vaccination or a valid exemption. As of 12:01am on 1 January 2021, it will be unlawful for anyone to attend any emergency service building or incident area without a full Covid-19 vaccination or a valid exemption.

The Shire will be contacting bushfire volunteer via their brigade leadership group which will request them to provide a copy of their record of vaccination. This record will be stored confidentially within the Shire's record system.

All members who do not wish to get vaccinated or do not have a valid exemption will have their membership revoked and asked not to attend incidents as per the State Health Direction.

All farmer response units will be required to complete the [Vehicle Identifier application](#) if they wish to attend bushfires within the Shire of Victoria Plains, the form can be completed online via the shire's website. **All those who are not Bush Fire Brigade Members or have a valid ID sticker will be asked not to attend the incident.**

All members and their families have access to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Employee Assistance Program through People Sense (24/7) on 1300 307 912. I understand that this notice may be of concern to some and encourage you to reach out for support through this program, if required.

Further information is provided on our [website](#) including frequently asked questions.

Sincerely,

Glenda Teede,
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Victoria Plains