



## Whyalla City Council

<b>Council Members COVID-19 Vaccination Policy</b>	
Type	Governance
GDS Category	Governance - Public
Responsible Directorate	Corporate Services-
Policy Adopted	13 December 2021
Review Period	4 yearly within the term of Council
Last Reviewed	(new)
Next Review Date	
Policy Version Number	1
Applicable Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i> <i>Work Health and Safety Act (SA) 2012</i>
Related Documents	
Public Consultation Required	No

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Council's role is to provide community leadership and guidance in the community.
- 1.2 In providing community leadership, Council Members understand the importance of public health initiatives and community health and safety, both within the Council and within the wider community. As part of this leadership role, Council Members have committed to taking the available steps to minimise, in so far as is reasonably practicable, the transmission of COVID-19 in the Whyalla community.
- 1.3 This policy sets out the approach that Council Members have decided to adopt for themselves in relation to a Covid-19 vaccine mandate and the wearing of masks.

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This policy applies to:
  - 2.1.1 *Council Members of the Whyalla City Council.*

## 3. DEFINITIONS

<b>Contraindication</b>	A medical reason for not being vaccinated.
<b>COVID-19 Vaccine</b>	COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia.
<b>Vaccination</b>	The process of administering a COVID-19 vaccine.

## 4. COVID-19 VACCINATION

### 4.1 Council Members position

- 4.1.1 Council members accept that:
  - 4.1.1.1 the COVID-19 vaccination is proven to prevent serious illness from COVID-19 and will reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 by a Council Member to other persons within the workplace and the community as well as offering greater protection from the disease; and
  - 4.1.1.2 Council Members are therefore prepared to adopt a policy of mandatory vaccination for all Council Members.
  - 4.1.1.3 Council Members are also prepared to adopt the practice of wearing a face mask when performing their official duties and functions, other than when speaking during Council meetings.

- 4.1.2 By no later than 4 January 2022, Council members are committed to having:
  - 4.1.2.1 received at least one dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine; and
  - 4.1.2.2 received, or have evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine within the interval after the first dose recommended by ATAGI for that COVID-19 vaccine.
- 4.1.3 Council members are also committed to complying with any lawful requirement to maintain either booster or annual COVID-19 vaccination based on SA Health advice.

#### **4.2 Council Members with medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccination**

- 4.2.1 Council members who have medical contraindications to vaccination as determined by a medical practitioner are not considered to have breached this policy or to have refused the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### **4.3 Council Members who refuse to receive the COVID-19 vaccine**

- 4.3.1 Council members who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will be requested to undertake their Council Member meeting duties by means of remote digital access through Zoom or Teams.

#### **4.4 Disclosure of vaccination status**

- 4.4.1 Council members agree to declare their COVID-19 vaccination status to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 4.4.2 Sufficient evidence of a vaccination status includes:
  - 4.4.2.1 A COVID-19 Vaccination digital certificate; or
  - 4.4.2.2 An Australian Immunisation Register immunisation history statement; or
  - 4.4.2.3 A copy of the completed card/form received following Vaccination(s); or
  - 4.4.2.4 A letter from a General Practitioner confirming vaccination(s).
- 4.4.3 If a Council member does not declare their vaccination status, they will be deemed not to be vaccinated.