



COVID-19 and Vulnerable Workers

The Australian Government announced it would be taking further action to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID19). The risk of serious illness from coronavirus increases if you are older or if you have a chronic medical condition.

There is currently no cure or vaccine for coronavirus, or immunity in the community, so you need to make sure that you protect yourself.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advised that the following people are at higher risk of serious illness if they become infected with the virus:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions.
- People 65 years and older with chronic medical conditions.
- People 70 years and older.
- People with compromised immune systems.

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 or believe that you are a vulnerable worker, please:

- contact your doctor or medical specialist,
- call the National Coronavirus Helpline: **1800 020 080**
- or visit the Australian Government Health Department website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/advice-for-people-at-risk-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

In addition to general social distancing practices, people at higher risk should consider other ways to protect themselves including:

- If you are around people, try to stay at least 2 metres away from them.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for a least 20 seconds.
- Ensure the workplace is clean and tidy.
- keep taking any medicines you use and consider having the chemist deliver your medicines.
- getting a flu shot to protect yourself and your family from the flu.
- consider having your groceries and essential items delivered to your home.

If you believe you are a vulnerable worker, Workforce is asking that you:

1. Consult your doctor to discuss your current situation.
2. Notify your workforce manager or supervisor.

If you choose to continue working, Workforce may require you to obtain a letter from your doctor.

Workforce appreciates your support by considering this health advice and acting responsibly to mitigate your potential risk of serious illness caused by COVID-19.



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