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A message from the

Commissioner for Public Sector Employment



Let's roll up to accelerate SA's COVID-19 recovery

Dear colleagues

As South Australians, we should all be proud of our efforts that have thankfully spared us from the challenges our eastern state counterparts continue to confront.

Our diligence in wearing face masks, respecting the physical distancing requirements, and using QR codes has not only kept us out of prolonged lockdowns but has eased the burden on our many frontline employees who have worked so hard to reduce the pandemic's threat.

Even though we must maintain this level of vigilance for now, it does not prevent us from prioritising our future, and it's why I write to you today.

Every public sector employee can make a real and positive difference for our state by taking two actions:

1. Get vaccinated as soon as possible.
2. Return to working in the office as much as your agency's density limit and COVID protocols allow.

South Australia is the first in the nation to make the Pfizer vaccination available at all state-run clinics to anyone over the age of 12, including those aged 60-plus, so there's no longer any reason to wait to book an appointment.

Don't be deterred if you initially don't find an appointment. SA Health advises you to check its [website](#) regularly as new appointments are continually being added as more vaccines become available. You are also encouraged to try alternative clinics, such as the new locations at the Myer Centre and Pooraka.

It cannot be clearer that vaccination is our pathway out of this pandemic, and so it's essential that we all do our part by rolling up a sleeve. Not only will you protect your health and that of your loved ones, but you'll also be contributing to South Australia's recovery.

The health of our state's economy is why I also encourage you to work in the office whenever possible, especially those of us who work in the CBD. Not only will our baristas and favourite lunch spots be buoyed by our patronage, but it's also important that our sector – as the largest workforce in the state – actively supports the [#GoToTown](#) campaign.

Our presence in the office also has the added benefit of greater connection with our colleagues and stakeholders. I am conscious of the wellbeing impact of this pandemic, and we must not forget that we all need some level of social connection to thrive, and that can include your weekly team meeting or a restaurant catch-up after work with friends.

Your leader will communicate soon how your agency can support a return to the office while maintaining the state's current density limits, and I ask that you follow their advice. Also, please keep checking-in with the QR codes, wearing masks and getting tested, even if your symptoms are only slight.

As Commissioner, I don't make appeals of the sector lightly. I am acutely aware of the demands the pandemic has put on all of us at home and at work. However, I can't stress enough the importance of this opportunity to help lead South Australia out of the pandemic.



Erma Ranieri
Commissioner for Public Sector Employment

We acknowledge this land. The Dreaming is still living. From the past, in the present, into the future, forever.

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