

ACHW COVID-19 and External Clinic Attendance Guidelines

Purpose: The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure ACHW student, staff and client health, safety and wellbeing when attending clinic premises during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines are developed in line with State/Territory Government Health advice, Australian Government policy and the Scintia Group COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

Due to the ongoing and at times immediate changes that can occur due to COVID-19, ACHW will continue updating these guidelines on a needs-basis. Urgent matters will be directly communicated to students and staff where required.

Guidelines for students, staff and clients attending Clinics in New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria (VIC)

At 70% double vaccination*

- Only double vaccinated ACHW staff and students may attend ACHW clinics. Proof of vaccination must be provided at the time of booking the clinic sessions, and where requested by ACHW staff prior to entering clinic premises.
- All persons entering the clinics must sign in using the available QR code.
- Any persons experiencing flu like symptoms are requested to not attend and contact ACHW to reschedule their session.
- Clinic capacity will follow the 1 person per 4 square meter rule to allow for suitable physical distancing.
- Face masks remain mandatory in all indoor areas.
- **NSW only:** Only a limited number of double vaccinated external clients will be permitted for the purpose of specific practical activities and only where it is an absolute requirement.
- **VIC only:** No external clients permitted on clinic premises.
- Students and ACHW staff are expected to follow the COVID-19 Safety Plan specific to the clinic premise they are attending.

At 80% double vaccination*

- Guidelines as at 70% double vaccination continue to apply, with the following amendments:
- **NSW only:** Clinic capacity will follow the 1 person per 2 square meter rule to allow for suitable physical distancing.

*As determined by the NSW and VIC Government

- **VIC only:** Clinic capacity continues to follow the 1 person per 4 square meter rule to allow for suitable physical distancing.

At 1 December 2021 onwards

- Guidelines as at 80% double vaccination continue to apply unless additional ease of restrictions is advised by the State Government.
- From 2022, fully vaccinated clients will be permitted to attend clinic premises for the purpose of student practicals.
- Additional guidelines remain pending until further advice is received from the State Government regarding the rules for people who are not fully vaccinated.
- ACHW staff will continue communicating with students who are not fully vaccinated to ensure students are informed of available options.
- Individual clinic premises may require further requirements in line with their policy and COVID-19 Safety plan.

Guidelines for students and staff attending Clinics in Queensland (QLD)

- ACHW staff and students continue attending clinic premises while following QLD Government advice and directives.
- All persons entering the clinics must sign in using the available QR code.
- Any persons experiencing flu like symptoms are requested to not attend and contact ACHW to reschedule their session.
- Individual clinic premise policy may require further requirements; students and staff will be made aware of these prior to attending clinic premises.

References

[ACHW COVID 19 Vaccination Policy](#)

[NSW Health Department Website](#)

[QLD Government Website](#)

[VIC Government DHHS Website](#)

Guidelines last updated at 12/10/2021.