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To Whom It May Concern

Influenza vaccinations for SA Ambulance Service clinicians

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is committed to protecting our vulnerable patients and staff from influenza.

For SAAS to comply with the *Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*, all patient facing staff and volunteers are required to be vaccinated against influenza by 30 April 2020.

I am writing to confirm that our workforce has undergone the 2020 influenza vaccination (FluVax) program. I can also confirm that all patient facing clinicians across the state are now vaccinated and, as outlined in the Direction, may enter residential aged care facilities from 1 May 2020. As part of the Direction your agency may take reasonable steps to ensure compliance and request proof of immunisation from attending SAAS crews. A sticker has been issued to all clinicians who received the FluVax which is displayed on the staff member's ID card (see below).



We do have a very small percentage of staff who, for multiple reasons, have not been vaccinated. To ensure the safety of your patients and comply with the Direction, SAAS has removed these operational clinicians from the roster. They have been given alternative duties while the Direction remains in place.

More than ever it is prudent to ensure the safety of our community. If you have any questions in relation to our FluVax program, please contact our Advanced Nurse Consultant, Belinda Purvis on 8274 0340 or email belinda.purvis@sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

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David Place
Chief Executive Officer

