

PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 11 OF 2021

INDUSTRIAL COURT OF QUEENSLAND QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

COVID-19

1. In light of the greater prospect of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus with the opening of the state borders in December 2021, this direction is aimed at ensuring that the Court and Commission, as an essential service, continue to provide access to justice while ensuring the health and safety of all participants.

2. Any practitioner, representative or unrepresented party who is not fully vaccinated (i.e., not had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration) or is aware that a client, witness they propose to call or other person attending the court or commission with them is not fully vaccinated should:
 - notify the Industrial Registry of that fact at least 24 hours prior to attending the court or commission; and
 - ensure that the person not fully vaccinated is made aware of the content of this practice direction.

Early notification to the Industrial Registry will permit the court and commission to give proper consideration to any necessary alternative arrangements.

3. Subject to the direction of the presiding member, all persons entering the precincts of the court or commission must wear a face mask at all times while in the court or commission precincts, other than when speaking in the court or commission.

4. All persons entering the court or commission precincts should:
 - check in when entering the court or commission precincts or before entering individual courtrooms or conference rooms, using the 'Check in Queensland App';
 - practise safe distancing.

D.L. O'Connor, OAM
Vice President
22 December 2021