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## VACCINATION TRACKING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that our statistics and tracking of vaccinated healthcare workers remain up to date and relevant. We would like to highlight a few points in order to reduce the workload and simplify processes, where they may have previously been duplicated.

A Golden Master List of all eligible vaccinees has been created containing all staff, doctors, support staff etc., and this is being used as the basis for our reporting and planning. This list can be updated by a number of sources, each of which accesses the database and updates the information, removing the need for this to be done elsewhere.

### Sources of updates to Golden Master List:

1. **Access control app (Health Professional Clearance App)** – this is the preferred channel as the information entered onto the app is updated on an hourly basis and feeds into the master list. Once a HCW has indicated that they have been vaccinated it will not ask them again and this information will update the Master List. We encourage our hospital management to motivate for the use of this app for screening, as this requires no further work from your side to administer or update. We are also currently updating the app to accommodate those individuals receiving a two dose vaccine such as Pfizer.
2. **Vaccination SharePoint list** – hosted on the intranet, this list also feeds into our master list, and information is stored there. This is used by hospitals and other facilities to capture and update those individuals who do not use the Access control app.
3. **Connect** – we are currently developing a point of update on Connect, which will be under the control of the employee, and this will also feed directly onto the master list.



### Reporting

The team is hard at work updating the display of the vaccination status of healthcare workers and to support planning in your facility. We trust that once complete, this will further assist you in the process.

### Staff Communication

While many of our staff are now receiving vaccines, it is vital for you to remind and reinforce the need for continued measures to protect themselves. Current research indicates that the majority of vaccinated individuals, after full vaccination with all the required doses, will have an immune response around 60 days, but that this timeframe is influenced by the age and medical history of the patient, including previous exposure to coronavirus strains. Therefore, a COVID-19 exposure before this immune response is established may still result in an infection, hence why staff are encouraged to continue measures to prevent exposure.

In addition, we know that the purpose of the vaccine is to reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 infections and death especially in the over 60 year age group. There is still the chance that any vaccinated staff member can develop an asymptomatic or mild infection. We therefore need to continue all measures to reduce infection, both at work and outside in our daily lives. We ask for your assistance in carrying over this very important message.

Once again, your commitment and dedication in updating these records is appreciated and vital to tracking our progress on the roll-out of vaccines.

Regards,



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