



# Building & Construction Industry

## COVID-19 Update Wednesday 8 Sept. 2021




### Update on Positive Cases, Outbreaks and Lockdown #6

We are now into the fifth week of Lockdown #6 (it started on 5 August). As previously reported, the glimmer of hope is that by 23 September, the large scale sector of industry can increase to 50% when a sufficient proportion of Victorians (70%) have had their first vaccine dose AND that 90% of building and construction workers have had their first dose AND that the numbers of mystery cases in the community are sufficiently manageable enough to keep the health system from being overwhelmed.

However, your industry leadership has been informed at the highest level that this simply will NOT OCCUR whilst there is such a high level of NON COMPLIANCE being reported of basic COVID-19 protocols, in particular wearing FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES. No amount of advocacy by your industry leaders can counteract frequent breaches of this basic rule being reported by members of the public to media outlets and being observed by the regulatory authorities.

So how are we tracking in Victoria? The following table will show.

Date Reported	Positive Cases	Active Cases	First Vax %	Second Vax %
Today	221	134	61.6%	38.3%
7 September	242	167	n/a	n/a
6 September	245	202	n/a	n/a
5 September	183	116	n/a	n/a

<b>Wear a face mask</b>	
<b>Physically distance 1.5 metres</b>	
<b>Get tested IMMEDIATELY if you have any symptoms</b>	

### Vaccinations

This morning I attended a Probuild site where the INCOLINK/APC medical team undertook a pilot and voluntary vaccination of the workforce on site. As usual, your industry leaders – unions, employer associations and taskforce members are front and centre. The industry is working actively at the moment to prepare and issue a well considered and risk management based protocol for vaccination in our industry. I would urge individual employers to properly consider legal and expert OH&S advice before issuing any decrees to the workforce just now.



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