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NEWS RELEASE: No jab, no entry to APY Lands

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The APY Executive Board has announced important changes to the Permit entry system from 23 November 2021.

Anyone seeking a Permit to visit, or to live and work, on the APY Lands will need to show evidence to APY Permits that they have had all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to be considered by health authorities to be fully vaccinated.

Public health officials have become increasingly concerned about COVID-19 transmission and exposure in overcrowded housing and communal living.

Employees living and working on the APY Lands will face greater risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants once it is on the APY Lands because of these factors.

Employers will be required to keep a record of their employees' COVID-19 vaccinations.

These measures are in place to ensure the health and safety of Anangu and minimise the risk of COVID-19 spreading into APY communities once South Australia's borders re-open on 23 November 2021.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to safeguard against outbreaks of COVID-19. Getting vaccinated protects you, your colleagues, your family and our communities.

Read the attached letter to employers on the next page.

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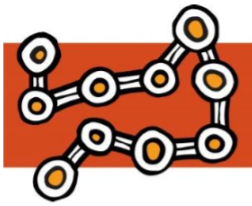
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To all employers

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands

NOTICE OF ANANGU PITJANTJATJARA YANKUNYTJATJARA EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION

Since March 2020, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive Board has been proactive in using its powers under section 19 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* to protect its members.

APY is also a member of the Emergency Management Committee under the *Emergency Management Act* South Australia and has been since its inception in March 2020.

There have been decisions taken recently by various businesses and organisations requiring their employees to be fully vaccinated.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive Board have thought about this also, and resolved at its most recent meeting on the 1st September 2021 as follows:

Resolution

No Jab- No Entry – The APY Executive board have reviewed the Permits entry system for all people coming in to APY, for a Permit and notification to enter the Lands and they must have their COVID Vaccination and produce evidence to APY Permits.

Moved: Trevor Adamson **Seconded:** Bernard Singer *All in favour*

APY is seeking your commitment to ensuring full vaccination of staff living and working or visiting the APY lands to ensure the health and safety of Anangu and minimize the risk of COVID-19 spreading into APY communities, whilst SA Health and Nganampa Health Council continue their work with increasing vaccination rates amongst Anangu. The APY Permits system and assessment will require proof of full vaccination commencing from the 23rd of November 2021 to coincide with the lifting of South Australia's border restrictions.

Your commitment to full vaccination of staff living and working or visiting the APY lands will also serve you and your employees well in protecting them should COVID and its variants reach the APY lands. As you are aware, overcrowded housing and communal living are factors that rapidly spread the virus. Employees living and working on the APY lands will face greater risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants once it is on the APY lands because of these factors.

Yours faithfully,

Richard King