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For information, the Australian Public Service Commission has this morning published '[Circular 2021/01 – COVID-19 vaccinations](#)'.

The Circular provides Commonwealth agencies and their employees with general information on the Australian Government's national roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations. It reflects that the vaccination, advised by Government, is voluntary (unless a prevailing State/Territory health order exists) and that employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.

It is expected that agencies will support their employees to get vaccinated. Further, the Circular clarifies that the vaccination roll-out does not signal the end of COVID-safe work practices. These measures must continue in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

Thank you to the COO Committee for their input during consultation on this Circular. This was also cleared through the CMO and the quick turn around on advice was much appreciated. The Circular is available on the APSC's website: <https://apsc.govcms.gov.au/circular-202101-covid-19-vaccinations>. Talking points are also attached for your use, as necessary. Please note the talking points are internal and should not be published.

Agencies should continue to refer to the Department of Health for the latest advice on the vaccination roll-out. If you have any queries, please contact [REDACTED], [REDACTED], otherwise your teams can also contact their APSC Relationship Manager or via covid19@apsc.gov.au.

Regards

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