

Collection Notice: Vaccination Information

DCJ values your safety as its highest priority.

DCJ is collecting information about witnesses and legal representatives including their vaccination status and 'COVID-19 status' to determine whether witnesses and legal representatives have been partially and/or fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and whether they are infected with COVID-19. The collection of this information is necessary to ensure the safety of persons in attendance within the court precinct as well as the safety of our staff in the workplace.

DCJ will collect your name, your contact details, your vaccination status including the vaccine type and vaccination dates as well as your COVID-19 status following rapid antigen testing. If you do not wish to provide your vaccine type you will be required to confirm whether the vaccine you have received has been approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. Further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/about-rollout/vaccine-agreements>.

We will provide this information to the judge, court staff and sheriff officers involved in the running of the court proceedings in which you are involved in to enable decisions to be made to manage the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the court precinct. Your COVID-19 status collected as part of rapid antigen testing will be held by a pathology provider electronically which is deleted every 28 days. The information collected by the Department will only be retained for as long as the court proceedings are in progress and will then be deleted on their conclusion.

DCJ is collecting this information directly from witnesses and legal representatives for the purpose of conducting risk assessments and to inform future decision making to protect individuals in attendance at court buildings including court staff, sheriff officers and judges and others from risks to their health and safety under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and in accordance with current NSW Public Health Orders.

If you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or your COVID-19 health status is positive, the DCJ may share your information with NSW Health and the NSW Police Force to ensure that the relevant Public Health Orders are being complied with in the event of a suspected contravention of the Public health Orders.

If you do not provide the information requested, you may be prevented from participating in court proceedings. Alternatively, you may either be asked to attend the proceedings via an alternative arrangement i.e. giving evidence electronically or where this is not possible, the matter may not be able to proceed.

Further information about your privacy rights and your personal information as well as how you can access and amend your personal information can be found on the Department's website

www.facs.nsw.gov.au/site/information/privacy or by calling **02 9377 6000**.

