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Dear MCN Users/Stakeholders-

On behalf of the entire team at MCN, I wanted to send warm regards in the hopes that you are all doing well and are managing okay in spite of present circumstances. In the wake of a number of recent Govt announcements re: vaccine requirements for permitted workers as well as some delays to local MCN construction activities, I wanted to send out a quick update:

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations and Monash/MCN Access** — On Friday, 1 October 2021 the Victorian Government **announced the introduction of new vaccination requirements for Authorised Workers**. The **COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions** came into effect on 7 October 2021. As a result of the Government Directions, **all Authorised Workers who attend the MCN and other Monash University facilities or campuses, will be required to have their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday, 15 October 2021 in order to continue working onsite.** Additionally, in line with **Victoria's Roadmap** and Monash University's **Roadmap to Reactivation**, **they will also need to be fully vaccinated by 5th November 2021.**
- **MCN Annual Cleaning and Planned Shutdowns** — Under normal circumstances, MCN closes during Melbourne Cup week for annual cleaning and maintenance of the core infrastructure. This year, owing to COVID-related delays in our gas bunker expansion works, the plan is now to push these activities closer to the end of the calendar year. Doing so will hopefully allow us to align with required power disruptions and minimise overall impact to users. Further announcements to follow when plans firm up.
- **Registration for 2021 ANFF Research Showcase, Nov 9-10th** — Registrations are now open for ANFF's Annual Research Showcase. The event is a platform for engineers, researchers, and anyone working in R&D to hear about cutting-edge research enabled by nanofabrication. Full details **here**.

As a reminder, full details/updates concerning the operational status of the MCN as well as Victorian node capability hubs can be found **here**.

Best,



General reminder of COVID-19 safety measures

As we continue wrestling with the presence of COVID-19 in our communities, physical distancing and good hygiene practices remain a critical factor in minimising impact and containing spread. Playing your part means actively practicing each of the following principles:

1. Never attend a work site if you are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms.
2. Maintain physical distancing and observe maximum occupancy signage.
3. Wear a properly fitting face mask covering your nose and mouth — remember, masks must be worn in shared spaces, even when alone.
4. Practice good hygiene - use hand sanitisation stations - sanitise surfaces after use (tables, chairs, equipment, etc.).
5. Scan QR codes to record your attendance.
6. Monitor COVID exposure sites on the [DHHS website](#).



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