# **Important Notice Regarding COVID-19 Abode Strata Update**

On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 our Premier Mr McGowan issued Directions / Public Health orders that West Australians will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to access a wide range of venues and events from January 31. From this date, there will be many public places unvaccinated people cannot visit.

Whilst there is no specific industry guidance on how strata managers as service providers will operate after this deadline, as Directors we have a duty of care to consider the health and safety of our clients, staff, visitors to our office, and other people we interact with during day-to-day business.

In looking to provide continued good service and avoid disruption to our staff and clients throughout these trying times, the following COVID policy has been implemented.

## Effective 31st January 2022 Abode Strata Offices will be closed to access

### How will meetings be conducted?

- All Abode Strata facilitated meetings will be held by Tele Conference only
- All staff members will attend any other meetings via Tele Conference only

#### How can I collect Access Devices (keys, remotes, fobs etc.)?

- Proof of full vaccination\* must be emailed to us prior to enter the building to collect access devices
- Alternatively, devices will be sent by registered post to a secure post box (additional fees apply)

In coming to this decision, we considered the following:

- Advice from our Workplace Relations and Employment consultant in relation to our duty of care under the Work Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA), and general law to consider the health and safety of our employees
- Health and safety of our clients and the people we do business with
- Mandatory Vaccination directions as of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022
- Borders opening Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- The easing of intrastate, interstate, and international travel restrictions which is likely to see an increase in interactions between employees and the general public and likely result in a significant increase in community transmission of COVID-19
- WA Health & Government recommendations that full vaccinations\*, including prescribed boosters within one month of becoming eligible, afford the best protection against COVID-19, including the more recent Omicron variant
- Ultimately being a business that can in fact operate with as minimal contact spreading as possible; in turn alleviating what will inevitably an overload of our healthcare system.



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- \* What is considered Full Vaccination?
- Are fully vaccinated and can show proof of vaccination via
  - The Service WA App
  - Digital certificates (via wallet app or similar) or paper certificate. This will require you to show ii) proof of Drivers License or other qualified proof of ID as per gov't regulations
- Hold and can show proof of a valid medical contraindication certificate 2.

Service WA app – By using the app you will not be required to show additional identification to enter certain businesses and venues if they use the ServiceWA app.

#### [Note: all Abode Strata staff are fully vaccinated]

To provide confidence and certainty to all stakeholders Abode Strata will maintain this policy until otherwise advised. Please refer to our website for further information and useful resources such as:

- Checklist for Strata Companies and Complexes
- SCA Apartment Living Best Practice Guidelines
- Abode Strata COVID AGM Process
- Posters for Strata Complexes

#### https://www.abodestrata.com/covid-19

Please contact Elizabeth Florence if you have any concerns or questions. We will continually monitor the COVID-19 situation, and you will be advised of any changes to our position as and when it occurs.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience and we wish you and your families good health.

Yours sincerely,

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