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## Why are COVID-19 jabs mandatory for Category A and Category B staff in SA Health?

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**For the attention of:**

Chris Picton  
South Australian Minister for Health

Chris Picton, **COVID-19 jabs are mandatory for Category A and Category B staff**, according to the SA Health Policy document [Addressing vaccine preventable disease: Occupational assessment, screening, and vaccination](#).

On what basis are the COVID-19 jabs mandatory?

**How can voluntary informed consent for COVID-19 jabs be obtained by the health practitioners inserting the needle if a person is being pressured, coerced and manipulated to submit to the COVID-19 injection under a mandate?**

How does this sit with advice I've received from the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care which confirms: ([Letter dated 17 November 2022](#).)

**Informed consent should be obtained for every COVID-19 vaccination, as per usual procedures for other vaccinations.**

Similarly, *The Australian Immunisation Handbook* notes re [Valid consent](#):

**For consent to be legally valid, the following elements must be present...It must be given voluntarily in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation...It can only be given after the potential risks and benefits of the relevant vaccine, the risks of not having it, and any alternative options have been explained to the person.**

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has also confirmed to me in writing that practitioners have an obligation to obtain informed consent, i.e. ([Letter dated 21 September 2021](#).)

**Practitioners have an obligation to obtain informed consent for treatment, including vaccination.  
Informed consent is a person's voluntary decision about health care that is made with knowledge and understanding of the benefits and risks involved.**

Again Chris Picton, **what is the basis for SA Health's COVID-19 jab mandate - why is this medical intervention being mandated in contravention of a person's freedom to make a voluntary informed decision on this matter?**

I request your early response.

Sincerely

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