

CORONAVIRUS — HOSPITALS — VISITORS

718. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Government's COVID rules for attendance at hospitals, which require visitors to be vaccinated and masked, and I ask in relation to cancer support units:

- (a) are volunteers at cancer support units required to be vaccinated and to what level;
- (b) are volunteers at cancer support units required to wear masks;
- (c) are volunteers from cancer support units required to be vaccinated or wear masks if engaged in outreach at people's homes; and
- (d) are visitors to cancer support units required to be vaccinated or wear masks and, if so, to what extent?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) Yes. A person who provides goods or services at a health care facility in a voluntary capacity must be fully vaccinated and have received a booster dose.
- (b) Yes. They must wear a face covering at all times while they are attending any part of a hospital that is accessible by patients.
- (c) No. Health services may implement their own requirements for volunteers.
- (d) Yes. All visitors to hospitals are required to be fully vaccinated and wear masks unless exempt.