

MAINTAINING A SAFE AND HEALTHY CLASS ENVIRONMENT FROM 14 APRIL 2022

Preamble

The *Public Health and Social Measure linked to vaccination Direction* was revoked on 14 April 2022, ending the requirement to check-in and to be fully vaccinated in a range of venues and events. As a result, the Management Committee has suspended the Covid Vaccination Policy that required attendees at U3A courses to be vaccinated and wear a mask. Therefore from the commencement of the 2022 Term 2 proof of vaccination and mask wearing is not mandatory.

COVID-19 is now circulating widely in Queensland. It's likely that most Queenslanders will either get COVID-19, or be directly exposed to someone who has COVID-19. Therefore, it is important that the Management Committee continues to provide a safe and healthy environment for U3A courses.

Scope

The policy and procedures provide directions to ensure the maintenance of hygiene and minimising the risk of infection at venues where U3A courses are conducted,

Policy

U3A is committed to providing and maintaining, as far as is reasonably practicable, safe and healthy venues and resources for all members, volunteers, employees. In accordance with current Queensland Health directives participants at U3A courses and activities do not have to provide proof of vaccination or wear a mask.

Procedure

Wellbeing of U3A tutors, members and staff is the priority of the Management Committee.

- Anyone attending a U3A course or activity may wear a mask.
- Direct all to stay at home if they are sick, and to go home immediately if they become unwell. Advise them to be tested for COVID-19 if they have any symptoms of acute respiratory disease (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) or a fever or history of fever. They must remain in isolation at home till they get the result and it is negative for COVID-19.
- Continue processes in the administration office to limit the risk of close contact as much as possible.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Provide hand washing facilities, including clean running water, liquid soap, and paper towels. If hand washing facilities are not readily available, provide an appropriate alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Do not share equipment and tools in classes where hand tools, brushes etc are used unless the equipment and tools are sanitised between uses.
- Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces after each class.
- Clean computer equipment, the keyboard, mouse, monitor etc., after each class.
- Clean tables and chairs used during a class before restacking them.
- Clean surfaces in the administration office at frequently. Have a CLEAN and DIRTY container for pens that may be used by multiple persons.