



U3A Rockhampton and District Inc.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its members, volunteers and visitors.

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. is a community association offering face to face learning activities to older members of the community. This makes it more susceptible to the spread of coronavirus throughout the membership.

If a person having coronavirus attends a U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. activity, a significant number of people in our community will be put at risk.

What is the Policy?

In line with the Queensland Government directives, U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. is required to keep any premises used safe and to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of coronavirus.

The management committee of U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. has decided that in the best interests of the community and the safety of those who attend activities, all those who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and wish to physically attend activities **must** be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption from vaccination.

U3A Online virtual courses can be accessed and do not require physical attendance.

Conditions of entry

The following conditions of entry to physical attendance at meetings and activities apply:

1. attendees comply with any COVID-19 Safe Plan; and
2. those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination are vaccinated; and
3. evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status is provided.

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. will not refuse entry to individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (proof of medical exemption must be provided).

What happens at entry to an activity?

Upon entering a meeting or an activity members and visitors are required to provide proof of vaccination or evidence of a medical exemption to receiving immunisation.

There are two ways to show proof of vaccination:

1. COVID-19 digital certificate which shows proof of only COVID-19 vaccinations. This can be added to Check In Queensland app.
2. Immunisation history statement which lists your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations.

3. Paper copy of vaccination status.

Any attendee having a medical exemption from vaccination must show evidence, such as a medical certificate from their medical practitioner, upon seeking entry.

For more information, please see <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld/digital-vaccination-certificate>

U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. will not keep a record of attendees' COVID-19 vaccination status. The purpose of providing evidence of vaccination is only to determine whether entry into the venue should be allowed.

Feeling Unsure?

The committee acknowledges that there may be members in the community who may have other reasons for not being vaccinated.

These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to try to offer the safest solution.

This policy is not intended to discriminate against or to prevent anyone from attending U3A Rockhampton and District Inc. activities; rather, it is focused on ensuring everyone's health and safety.

Members unsure about being vaccinated or which COVID-19 vaccine to get should make an appointment to see a doctor to discuss.

Please do not hesitate to contact the committee if you have any questions or concerns.

Other Control Measures

It is important to remember that even if you are vaccinated, there is a continuing risk that you may still get or spread coronavirus because the vaccines do not provide 100% protection.

This means the additional risk mitigations continue to apply to all members, visitors and volunteers for the foreseeable future. These include:

- continue to physically distance;
- implement good hygiene;
- use personal protective equipment such as masks or gloves or face shields as appropriate; and
- do not attend if unwell.

Changes to this policy

This policy may be amended or withdrawn at the management committee's discretion. The management committee will continue to keep the situation in relation to vaccinations under review as part of the Covid Safe Plans.