

Policy – COVIDsafe

Introduction

U3A Yarra City is committed to protecting the safety and health of members and tutors when they attend U3A activities. It is also incumbent on the organisation to comply with Victorian Public Health Orders and associated legislation related to COVID-19. It is explicitly recognised that the members of U3A are a cohort potentially particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the rules relating to COVID-19 that fall within Terms and Conditions of being a member of U3A Yarra City.

Policy Statement

U3A Yarra City complies with all COVID-19 Federal, State and Local Government regulations and specific venue requirements in regard to attendance of courses and activities, particularly in regard to vaccination status.

Rules

U3A Yarra City has developed rules to sit within our COVID-19 policy statement. These rules will be updated as Government regulations and individual venue requirements are updated.

1. Face-to-face classes may be held in accordance with State and local Government restrictions, including for vaccination, mask wearing, group numbers and personal distancing. Zoom or other on-line classes can continue throughout without restrictions.
2. The various conditions related to COVIDsafe plans have effectively been decided by the Victorian Government, Yarra City Council and other venue operators. Anyone who does not wish to abide by the restrictions will not be permitted to attend face-to-face classes.
3. In line with Government requirements, any person who attends any face-to-face activity or course – indoors or outdoors – organized by the U3A Yarra City must be fully vaccinated, as defined by the Victorian Public Health Orders. Proof of vaccination is required to be sighted and recorded. (i.e. it will not be sufficient for them simply to say that they are vaccinated). This can only be achieved by showing either their COVID-19 digital certificate or their hard copy certificate.
4. Participants need to show evidence of their vaccination status to each Tutor or their delegate prior to participating in the first class of the term. If the meaning of fully vaccinated changes (eg due to a booster program) changes to vaccination status need to be shown to the Tutor.

5. Confirmation of a member's vaccination status will be stored in the membership database. No electronic or hard copy versions of a member's certificate will be retained.

Responsibilities

All members, including Tutors registered to hold face-to-face classes, must follow the above rules as per the Terms and Conditions of U3A Yarra City membership.

Tutors need to forward a copy of their class list, indicating members' vaccination status, as sighted, to the U3A Yarra City.

The Tutor Liaison Co-ordinator will ensure that all Tutors are informed of the rules of this policy.

The Committee of Management will ensure that the MyU3A database is maintained with the required data.

Authorisation

This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of U3A Yarra City and minuted as such on 12 December, 2021

Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed at least annually or when circumstances change.