

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 the 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. In addition, a cautionary approach is taken because of member vulnerability; this can imply extra requirements.

Rules

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

1. Classes may only be held in accordance with Government restrictions, including for mask wearing, group numbers and personal distancing, however vaccination of all attendees of classes is required.
2. All members are required to declare their Covid vaccination status when enrolling.
3. Anyone who does not wish to abide by the restrictions will not be permitted to attend classes.
4. Members who have a medical exemption from vaccination must declare this and the conditions for enrolment and attendance shall be at the committee's discretion.
5. The declaration made by a member of their vaccination status will be recorded in the membership database. (This declaration will be in the form of a tick box.) No electronic or hard copy versions of a member's vaccination certificate will be retained.
6. Members who have contracted Covid must not attend classes while infectious.

Responsibilities

All members and tutors must follow the above rules as per the Terms and Conditions of U3A Yarra City membership. 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 U-MAS database is maintained with the required data.

Authorisation

This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of U3A Yarra City on 31/12/2022.

Policy Review

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