

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, and to make recommendations supporting member health.

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.

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

Rules

1. Classes and activities must be held in accordance with any current Government restrictions, including for mask wearing, group numbers and personal distancing.
2. Members who know they have active Covid infections must not attend U3A classes or activities.

Recommendations

1. Vaccination of all attendees of classes (while not compulsory) is strongly recommended and will be encouraged by U3A Yarra City. Current government recommendation is that vaccinations be updated six months after the previous vaccination or Covid infection.
2. Masks are recommended for any indoor setting where Covid infection is known to be likely.
3. Members who become infected by Covid are recommended to obtain anti-viral medication.

Responsibilities

All members and tutors must follow the 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 and recommendations of this policy.

Policy Review

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

Authorisation

This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of U3A Yarra City on 27/11/2023.