

Policy - U3A Stonnington Covid-19

U3A Stonnington Inc. is a not for profit organisation. Its members are retired or semi-retired and usually aged 50 years or more. U3A Stonnington Inc. is able to function because of the work of members, volunteer Tutors, Leaders, organisers and guest speakers.

Introduction

The demographic of U3A Stonnington Inc. is at greater risk of serious morbidity or mortality from COVID-19 than many other younger members of our wider community. Community COVID-19 case numbers are currently and consistently high, and are subject to change.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the requirements related to COVID-19 for face-to-face participation by members, tutors, leaders, organisers and guests in Courses and activities run by U3A Stonnington Inc. Observation of the following requirements will ensure compliance with current COVID-19 regulations issued by State and Local Government.

Anyone who does not wish to abide by these requirements will not be permitted to attend face-to-face classes.

Participation by Zoom can continue throughout without restrictions.

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Requirements for face-to-face participation:

FULL VACCINATION

All members, tutors, leaders, organisers and guests must show proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 or an approved medical exemption prior to participation face-to-face in U3A Stonnington Inc. Courses.

Proof of vaccination status is to be shown either to a COVID marshal, tutor or group leader who will record the sighting and pass on the result for storage in the member's database.

COVID-19 proof of vaccination status can be shown in any of the following ways:

- COVID-19 digital certificate via the Service Victoria app.
- COVID-19 digital certificate saved to a smartphone wallet.
- Printed copy of COVID-19 digital certificate together with a valid photo ID.
- Printed copy of immunisation history statement together with a valid photo ID.
- Medical exemption* together with a valid photo ID.

**Exemption obtained from the Australian Immunisation Centre with assistance from a doctor, or from selected other qualified practitioners.*

MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERS VACCINATION STATUS

Confirmation of a member's vaccination status will be stored in the membership database.

Electronic or paper copies of members certificates will not be retained.

Tutors and leaders of Courses will be informed about the vaccination status of their group members.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES INCLUDE:

- social distancing that permits the total number of participants as displayed for each area of Valetta St. Numbers of participants will increase with rising community vaccination rates, but with due regard to COVID-19 case numbers in the community
- hand sanitisation
- sanitisation of equipment and touch points used
- wearing a mask indoors, especially if distancing is difficult to maintain
- provision of one's own drinks and refreshments

- do not attend if you are experiencing signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or live with someone who is
- do not attend if you are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test, or live with someone who is

Adapted for U3A Stonnington from:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/preventing-infection-workplace>
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U3A Stonnington COVIDSafe Plan *October 2021*

[Victoria's Roadmap | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

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Authorisation

This policy was adopted by the Committee of management of U3A Stonnington Inc. and minuted as such on 15/11/2021. V.1

Policy Review

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