

COVID Health and Safety Guidelines

To inform CCIProgram activities, support, and events and therefore ensure the health, wellbeing and safety of researchers, community members and CCIProgram team members, please find below our **COVID Health and Safety Guidelines**, effective 16 February 2022.

The WA State Government has released the 'WA Safe Transition Plan' to assist with management of expected COVID cases and transmission for the next months.

WAHTN respects individual choice regarding vaccination. However, it is important we comply with the guidelines provided by the WA Chief Health Officer and the authorisation provided by our Partners, Research Institutions, and local Health Service Providers. This compliance ensures we can deliver CCIProgram services and support safely and ensure we continue our important work.

As of **16 February 2022**, and until further notice, all CCIProgram events and meetings (as required) will transition to **online virtual delivery**. The CCIProgram is experienced and confident that the quality and outcomes of our support and services regarding consumer involvement can be maintained using this mode of interaction.

Where 'in person' support, services or resourcing are required, we have developed the following guidelines for community members and CCIProgram Partners to follow:

1. Only Fully Vaccinated or Medically Exempt persons will be present at 'in person' CCIProgram events and/or meetings. This may be subject to change based on further risk-based assessments. Proof of vaccination or medical exemption will be required for attendance. This can be done using the Service WA app, the Express plus Medicare mobile app, a COVID-19 digital certificate with an acceptable form of ID, or an Immunisation history statement with acceptable form of ID.
2. Wearing of masks indoors will be mandatory.
3. Practicing social distancing as required.
4. QR check-ins and contact tracing as per venue requirements.
5. Keep up to date with all the public health advice and act accordingly.
6. If you are feeling unwell with COVID like symptoms or have been to a listed exposure site please DO NOT attend the event or meeting and notify the CCIProgram via email or phone. We would then encourage you to get tested immediately and isolate until you receive a negative result in-line with State Health guidelines.

These Guidelines will remain in place until further notice.

We thank you for your support of the above decisions and guidelines to ensure we can best value and ensure the health, wellbeing, and safety of all we work and partner with.

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