

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Government is preparing for a move towards mandatory requirements for Victorians to be double-vaccinated against COVID-19 if they want to participate in many activities. Therefore, your committee has been considering requirements for our U3A.

Our classes cater for an older community cohort. Additionally, some members have underlying health issues and are more likely to experience severe effects from COVID. As a responsible community organisation, we accept an obligation to demonstrate our commitment to the community's well-being and, in particular, to our members' well-being.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

1. The committee has decided to introduce mandatory vaccination requirements from 21st October 2021.
2. Any person who attends a face-to-face course or activity organised by U3A Wonthaggi must be fully vaccinated.
3. Fully vaccinated means vaccinated at least twice (double dose) with an Australian approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Evidence of Compliance

4. Acceptable proof of compliance is via your smartphone to the myGovID app you can link your certificate to the Victorian Government's Service and QR code app.
5. Members without a smartphone are able to download a printed certificate from Medicare or obtain a printed certificate from their vaccine provider (doctor or pharmacist).
6. Where a member does not have a vaccination certificate for the week beginning 18th October 2021, verbal confirmation is sufficient. However, it will be compulsory for evidence to be available from 25 October 2021.



Evidence of Exemption/s

7. Members exempt from vaccination requirements are required to provide evidence of their exemption to their course leaders.
8. Exempt members are expected to take all reasonable care for the health of their fellow members. Please use hand sanitiser on arrival, wear a mask, and maintain prescribed social distancing.

Arrival Check-in

9. All members are required to check in on arrival at U3A courses. Ideally, check-in should be completed by using the Victorian Government's QR code app. Members without a smartphone must check in using the paper-based records provided.
10. Tutors are asked to remind group members to check-in when they arrive at U3A or off-site premises.

Record Keeping by Tutors

11. Tutors are responsible for sighting each member's vaccination or exemption evidence and for recording each member's status in the provided Class Vaccination Record.
12. As a backup and for insurance purposes, tutors must scrupulously maintain the Class Registers issued to them by the Course Coordinators.

Notification of Changed Requirements

13. Whenever the committee amends these requirements to comply with changed Victorian Government regulations, all members will be informed by email.
14. Members without home email are asked to arrange for a friend to keep them informed of changed requirements.

FEEDBACK AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

15. Any member may seek clarification of these requirements by contacting a Course Coordinator¹. To communicate with a Course Coordinator, please telephone 0491 093 300 or use the email address talktous@u3awonthaggi.org.au.
16. Any member may provide feedback to the committee on these requirements by emailing the Secretary at secretary@u3wonthaggi.org.au.

COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Endorsed by the U3A Wonthaggi's committee on 21st October 2021.

The agreed commencement date is 25th October 2021.

VERSION CONTROL

1.2, Lynn Kirk, 11 October 2021 for consideration by the committee on 21 October 2021.

1.3, Mary Schooneveldt, 21 October 2021 endorsed by the U3A Wonthaggi Committee on 21 October 2021.

¹ The Course Coordinators are Maureen Sivyer and Graeme Charles.