



**Health Workforce
Queensland**

COVID-19 Plan for Events

A COVID-19 events plan, preparation for partners, sponsors and attendees at Health Workforce Queensland organised events

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These guidelines have been constructed based on what is practicable to be implemented for Health Workforce Queensland Events and Workshops.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Contracting COVID-19

COVID-19 is most commonly spread by:

- Breathing in droplets spread from someone coughing or sneezing;
- Getting the virus on your hands from a contaminated surface and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

1.2 Slowing the Transmission

Everyone should continue keeping their distance from other people whenever possible. When we are around other people, it is important we practice [physical distancing and good hygiene](#). If you are unable to physical distance, it is recommended that face masks are worn.

1.3 Good Hygiene Practices

Best practice is considered:

- Washing your hands properly and often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Using alcohol-based hand sanitiser when you cannot wash your hands with soap and water;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and
- Being mindful when coughing or sneezing – cover with your elbow or a tissue/handkerchief, turn away from others, and wash or sanitise your hands.

All participants should wash/sanitise their hands:

- Before and after eating;
- Before and after using the bathroom;
- After each session;
- Between use of any equipment;
- After touching any surface in a public space or at the venue (avoid where possible, touching high contact surfaces like lift buttons, door handles, light switches, hand railings, benchtops, drink taps and grandstand seating); and
- As a general rule, wash your hands regularly (at least every 2-3 hours) in addition to the above.

1.4 Venue Sanitation

We will be working with all workshop and event venues to ensure they have sanitation protocols in place that can be followed by all delegates and attendees.

1.5 Queensland Government Traffic Light Advice

It is incumbent for all people who participate/attend any Health Workforce Queensland event or program to check the [current traffic light level](#) and follow any Queensland Government recommendations that exceed the COVID safe requirements as defined in this plan.

2. HEALTH WORKFORCE QUEENSLAND EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

2.1 Overview

It is incumbent for all people who participate/attend any Health Workforce Queensland event or program to follow the COVID safe requirements as defined in this plan.

2.2 Close Contact and Symptom Requirements

If you are determined to be a close contact as defined by the [Queensland Government](#), we are not currently permitting attendance at any event/workshop.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms we are not currently permitting attendance at any event/workshop. If you are showing symptoms at an event or workshop, the Health Workforce Queensland Staff will ask you to leave the premises and you will be unable to continue to attend the event or workshop.

2.3 Event Consultation

Health Workforce Queensland will consult with all stakeholders to ascertain their safety requirements to deliver and run the event/workshop in regards the below items:

- COVID Safe Plan
- Vaccination status
- Mask requirements
- RAT or PCR testing

2.4 Travel Protocols

If Health Workforce Queensland has arranged travel as part of the event/workshop, we will have the following travel protocols in place, specifically:

- **Car** Due to social distancing we have a policy in place to have no more than 4 persons in a large SUV or 3 in a small car at one time. Masks will be available to use if required.
- **Air** We will offer masks for all participants where we have arranged air travel as part of the program. All other items are at the discretion of the service provider.
- **Coach** Up to 100% of seated capacity provided passengers are in ticketed and allocated seating. Masks will be available to use if required.

For any immersion events, where travel has been arranged by Health Workforce Queensland, we will provide individual hand sanitisers to attendees/delegates.

If the delegate/attendee has arranged their own travel to the event/workshop, COVID protocols are at the discretion of the service provider and the individual.

2.5 Accommodation

If Health Workforce Queensland has arranged the accommodation as part of the event/workshop we will have the following protocols in place:

- **Workshops:**
 - Facilitators will have their own room booked, where required
- **Student events:**
 - Billeting at events: permitted at events if the community/families support billeting the students.
 - Share room (not bed) occupancy accommodation: will be available for students.

If the delegate/attendee has arranged their own accommodation at the event/workshop, COVID protocols are at the discretion of the service provider and the individual.

2.6 Venue Capacity

The venue capacity will be advised by the venue based on social distancing requirements. Health Workforce Queensland will adhere to the advised venue capacities.

2.7 Catering

Health Workforce Queensland will ensure that all caterers provide COVID safe catering/refreshments.

2.8 Set Up and Pack Up

Health Workforce Queensland staff are responsible for the following additional tasks:

- Once workshop stations are in position – they are to be sanitised using disinfecting spray and wipes after each session;
- At the conclusion of the day's event/workshop spray all equipment with disinfecting spray and wipes;
- Ensuring there is sanitiser available at the registration desk, at the entrance and exit of the event room, where hands on workshops are taking place – at the table of workshop, and at food collection points;
- Ensuring masks are available to use when social distancing is not possible during sessions or hands on workshops.

For any questions regarding the Health Workforce Queensland COVID-19 Plan, please email admin@healthworkforce.com.au.