

COVID-19 – Policy

Introduction

Alpine U3A is a voluntary not-for-profit organisation. Its members are retired or semi-retired and aged 45 plus. Alpine U3A is able to function because of its volunteer convenors and organisers.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the rules relating to COVID-19 that fall within the *Membership Terms and Conditions* of being a member of Alpine U3A.

Policy Statement

Alpine U3A complies with all State Government and venue provider regulations in regard to COVID-19 attendance in courses and activities, particularly in regard to vaccination status.

Rules

1. Alpine U3A has developed rules to sit within our COVID-19 policy statement. These rules will be updated as Government regulations are updated.
2. Based on the Victorian roadmap, future face-to-face classes must be held in accordance with state and local government restrictions.
3. The various conditions included in the roadmap have effectively been decided by the Victorian Government. Anyone who does not wish to abide by the restrictions will not be permitted to attend face-to-face classes. If a member has flue like symptoms, like runny nose, coughs or fever, they are not to attend classes and must obtain a valid negative COVID-19 test result before resuming classes.
4. In line with Government requirements, all individuals will need to prove that they *are fully vaccinated before attending courses or activities*, This can only be achieved by showing their COVID-19 digital certificate or a printed version thereof. A medical exemption certificate from a medical practitioner will need to be sighted if relevant.

Vaccination status needs to be shown to each Convenor or nominated member of the group prior to participating in the next session following the adoption of this Policy.

Alternatively, status may be provided to the Course Coordinator or Membership Secretary by contacting them and they will assist the member. Convenors will be advised of a member's vaccination confirmation.

5. Confirmation (*i.e. it has been sighted*) of a member's vaccination status will be stored in the membership database. No electronic or hard copy versions of a member's certificate will be retained.

6. All convenors and participants must continue to check-in via the Service Victoria app or sign-in on arrival on the supplied 'sign in form' at the facility that is hosting the event/course. Face masks must be worn in accordance with the regulations that are current at that time.

Responsibilities

The Membership Secretary will ensure that the U-MAS database is maintained with the required data.

Authorisation

This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of Alpine U3A on 24 October 2021.

Policy Review

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