
U3A Network Queensland U3A Gympie Incorporated

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

U3A Gympie is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its volunteers, members, and visitors.

As you are aware, U3A Gympie is communal and offers face-to-face services which make it more susceptible to the spread of coronavirus. We also are an organisation offering learning to aged members of the community.

If there is an active case of coronavirus at our premises, this has the effect of placing a significant amount of people in our community at risk. We consider this in light of the large face-to-face group sessions (consisting of seniors) that we offer in our programs.

What is the Policy?

In line with the Queensland Government directives, U3A Gympie is required to keep its premises safe and minimise the risk of infection and transmission of coronavirus.

U3A Gympie has decided that in the best interests of the community and the safety of those who attend that all those who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and wish to physically attend U3A Gympie classes **must** be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption from vaccination.

This policy is not intended to discriminate or prevent anyone from accessing U3A Gympie's services, rather it is focused on ensuring everyone's health and safety.

U3A Online virtual courses can be accessed and do not require physical attendance.

Conditions of entry

The following conditions of entry to physical attendance classes apply:

1. attendees comply with any COVID-19 Safe Plan; and
2. those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination are fully vaccinated; and
3. evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status is provided.

U3A Gympie will not refuse entry to individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (proof of medical exemption registered on the Australian Immunisation Register must be provided).

What happens when I enter?

Upon entering U3A Gympie individuals are required to provide proof of vaccination or evidence of a medical exemption to receiving immunisation.

There are two ways to show proof of your vaccination:

1. Your COVID-19 digital certificate which shows proof of only your COVID-19 vaccinations that you can add to a digital wallet.
2. Your immunisation history statement which lists your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations.

For more information, please see <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld/digital-vaccination-certificate>

U3A Gympie will not keep a record of attendees COVID-19 vaccination status, the purpose of providing evidence of vaccination is merely to determine whether entry into our hired venues should be allowed.

Other Control Measures

It is important to remember that even if you are vaccinated, there is a continuing risk that you may still get or spread coronavirus because the vaccines do not provide 100% protection.

This means the additional risk mitigations continue to apply to all members and volunteers for the foreseeable future. These include:

- continue to physically distance;
- implement good hygiene;
- use personal protective equipment such as masks or gloves or face shields as appropriate; and
- do not attend if unwell.

Changes to this policy

This policy may be amended or withdrawn by us at our discretion. We will continue to keep the situation in relation to vaccinations under review in our ongoing COVID-19 risk assessments and review this policy in accordance with any material changes.

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At the moment - Fully Vaccinated

According to the AUS gov, you are considered fully vaccinated if you have completed a course of a TGA approved vaccine. The current dosages accepted for the purposes of TRAVEL include:

- Two doses at least 14 days apart of:
 - AstraZeneca Vaxzevria
 - AstraZeneca Covishield
 - Pfizer/Biontech Comirnaty
 - Moderna Spikevax
 - Sinovac Coronavac
 - Bharat Biotech Covaxin
 - Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV (for 18-60 year olds).
- Or one dose of:
 - Johnson & Johnson/ Janssen-Cilag COVID Vaccine.

And 7 days must have passed since the final dose of the vaccine for you to be considered fully vaxxed.

Source: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/vaccinated-travellers#:~:text=Australia%20considers%20you%20to%20be,AstraZeneca%20Vaxzevria>