



Gatherings and Social Distancing Guidelines

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HRV has established the following protocols to both ensure compliance with Government requirements and mitigate the risk associated with exposures to COVID-19:

- All persons must complete check-in using the Services Victoria [Club QR code](#) at each race meeting that they attend. Stable hands will also be required to check-in using the [HRV Check-in form](#).
- All persons are required to show evidence of COVID-19 vaccination at check-in, in line with the following dates as set out in government mandated [Directions](#):
 - between 15 October 2021 and 22 October 2021, evidence confirming they are either partially vaccinated, or have a booking to receive a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by no later than 22 October 2021;
 - between 22 October 2021 and 26 November 2021, evidence confirming they are partially vaccinated or fully vaccinated;
 - after 26 November 2021, evidence confirming that they are fully vaccinated.Refer to [Participant Instructions for accessing COVID-19 vaccination status](#) for types of vaccination evidence accepted.
- Provision of hand sanitiser at all Clubs;
- Displaying posters relating to Covid-19 and hygiene measures;
- Displaying signage advising restrictions on the number of people permitted in a room at any one time; and
- Discouraging sharing of food, drinks or other items.

Social distancing includes ways to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. It means less contact between you and other people. Social distancing is important because COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- Direct close contact with a person while they are infectious or in the 24 hours before their symptoms appeared;
- Close contact with a person with a confirmed infection; or
- Touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

So, the more space between you and others, the harder it is for the virus to spread.

- Keep at least 1.5 metres distance away from others;
- Follow instructions relating to the number of people permitted in a room at any one time;
- Avoid physical greetings such as handshaking, hugs and kisses; and
- Practise good hygiene (i.e. – wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, cover your mouth with your elbow when you cough or sneeze).
- Mask wearing rules are subject to changes in government directions and HRV will respond to these changes by sending messages to industry participants and updating information on [thetrots.com.au](#). Face masks must be worn in accordance with Government directives. For current directives, please refer to [DHHS Face masks](#).
- Where mask wearing is not currently mandated by government directives, masks must be carried at all times and participants must put on masks if directed to do so by the Stewards or Club Officials. In circumstances where there are differing restrictions in metropolitan and regional areas, HRV will apply whichever restrictions are the most stringent. This is due to the fact that there will be a combination of regional and metropolitan participants and staff in attendance and the impracticality of monitoring different restriction levels.
- Masks play an important role in infection control, especially where it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.



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- Face coverings such as scarves, bandanas and face shields are not permitted and fitted masks must be worn. Fitted snoods, buffs or gaiters may be worn as long as they cover both the nose and mouth snugly and are secure around the neck and lower face with no gaps along the nose ridge or the top of the garment. Those who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, must seek pre-approval from HRV or provide documented medical evidence to stewards or club officials on entry to the racetrack.

Country Clubs must ensure that they comply with the following HRV Procedures;

- 1) Racetrack Access and Operational Procedures; and
 - 2) Guidelines for Clubs Conducting Trials.
- Additionally, they must comply with directions as issued by the Government, including:
- Abide by the total numbers permitted in a room or area;
 - Maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres apart
 - Where patrons are permitted, follow the Restricted Activity Directions (for events under 1000 attendees) or the Public Events Framework (for Tier 1 & 2 events with over 1000 attendees).

A person must not refuse or fail to comply with the direction as penalties may be imposed.

The above rules must be complied with by all Participants, Country Club and racing support staff.