



# 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 being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at check-in, in line with the government mandated [Pandemic Orders](#)
- It is a condition of entry to racetracks that all persons are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.  
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;
- When required by government orders, 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;
- 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 orders 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 [DH 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.
- Where displayed and required by government orders, follow instructions relating to the number of people permitted in a room at any one time;

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 Pandemic Orders as issued by the Government, including:
- Abide by the total numbers permitted in a room or area, when this is required by government orders;
  - Maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres apart

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.