



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WORKING EQUITATION	Covid-19 Guidelines
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1. Purpose and application

The purpose of the COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 19) Guidelines is to provide an understanding of the disease and management for those who organise or participate in the activities of Australian National Working Equitation (ANWEL).

These Guidelines have been prepared to assist the following members of the ANWEL State Association, Clubs members and working equitation community.

2. What is Covid-19

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

Symptoms can range from mild illness to pneumonia. Some people will recover easily, and others may get seriously ill. People with COVID-19 may experience:

- a. fever
- b. cough
- c. shortness of breath
- d. fatigue and myalgia
- e. sore throat
- f. tiredness.

There is evidence that COVID-19 spreads from person-to-person and is most likely spread through:

- a. close contact with an infectious person
- b. contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze; and

touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face.

3. Conducting working equitation events

It is important that all members abide by Commonwealth and State Government as well as State health authority directives regarding the prevention and management of the Covid-19. This will include guidance provided by Equestrian Australia and your State Branch.

Each State and Territory will be at a different phase of the pandemic as such regional response and management is required.

4. Responsibility

The final decision and accountability as to whether to proceed with any competition or event rests with each Organising Committee and or Club and needs to be properly risk assessed.

Please note all those that attend any events are required to follow their State health authority guidelines with the main points to be considered:

- a. You are not to participate if you have or have been in close contact with someone who has coronavirus (Covid-19)
- b. You are not to attend if you are unwell, or are showing symptoms such as the runny nose, fever, cough, and sore throat or breathing difficulties
- c. You are not to attend if you have returned from overseas or interstate (i.e. in accordance with current Australian travel restrictions) in the 14 days preceding any event
- d. State health authority personal hygiene and social distancing recommendations regarding Covid-19 must be followed.

The Organising Committee and or Club should prepare and implement a **Covid-19 Safety Plan** that meets the State Government and health authority's directions and recommendations.

All organisers must offer refunds for any competitor or participant withdrawing from a working equitation event as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

Clubs and event organisers are encouraged to check their State health authority's website regularly for up to date information.