

POLICY

The policy is issued pursuant to a Stewards' Order and is enforceable pursuant to rule 86(ag), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) is committed to providing the safest environment it can to participants, employees and visitors, in response to the global pandemic that is the COVID-19 virus. GRSA is also committed to implementing the Directions, issued under law by police and health authorities, to contribute to the communities' efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The purpose of this policy is to set out the expectations and requirements of GRSA, to assist the industry to comply with the relevant Directions and to keep as safe and healthy as possible during this health emergency.

Definitions

<i>Act</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 2004 (SA)</i>
<i>ATAGI</i>	Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation
<i>Controlling body</i>	Greyhound Racing SA Limited (GRSA)
<i>COVID-19</i>	The human, infectious disease, also named <i>Coronavirus</i> , caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus
<i>Cross Border Travel Directions</i>	<i>Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel – Associated Direction) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 and Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel – General Direction) (COVID-19) Direction 2021</i> , as amended and sequentially numbered from time to time
<i>GRSA</i>	Greyhound Racing SA Limited
<i>Mask</i>	A disposable or re-usable facemask that effectively covers both the mouth and nose of the wearer. A partially worn facemask is not a mask.
<i>Proof of Vaccination</i>	Production of sufficient and timely digital and/or written documents that show that the person has received at least one dose of a TGA approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccine; and, the person has received, or has evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a TGA approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccine within the interval after the first dose recommended by the ATAGI for that COVID-19 vaccine.
<i>Public Activities Direction</i>	Emergency Management (Public Activities) (COVID-19) Direction 2021, as amended and sequentially numbered from time to time
<i>Rules of Racing</i>	Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) and Local Regulatory Rules (LR), comprising the Rules of Greyhound Racing for Greyhound Racing SA Limited.
<i>TGA</i>	Therapeutic Goods Administration
<i>Venues</i>	Includes facilities, buildings, temporary (pop-up) enclosures (e.g., marquees); kennel houses; racetracks; grounds; carparks and any other area that is under control of (by title, lease or otherwise), the Controlling Body.

Rules of racing

This policy reads in conjunction with the Rules of Racing, Stewards' Notices, policies and procedures followed by GRSA, as amended from time to time.

PART 1 – CROSS BORDER TRAVEL

PROCEDURE – CROSS BORDER TRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE A CROSS BORDER CORRIDOR

During times of a COVID-19 community transmission outbreak, anywhere in Australia, the South Australia government may amend the Cross Border Travel Directions to control cross-border movement. *This will affect you if you travel across (to or from) the SA State border and can occur with little, or no, warning.*

It is strongly recommended you complete the entry application as soon as possible, to avoid delays associated with any pre-crossing entry conditions (e.g., 72-hour pre-crossing COVID-19 test result).

Application

Anyone intending to travel into South Australia should follow these steps to cross the border lawfully -

- (1) Navigate to the page [EntryCheckSA](#).
- (2) Follow the instructions and start your [EntryCheckSA](#) application (click on the Entry Check SA button under “*Completing your Entry Check SA Application*”).
- (3) In some cases, you will be referred to the page [HealthCheckSA](#).

To apply under Entry Check SA, you will need to -

- Log in using your mySA GOV account.
- If you do not have a mySA GOV account, you will need to provide and verify an email address and mobile phone number to set up an account. You may need to check your junk or spam folder.
- Provide some personal information including date of birth, address, Medicare card details (if you have one).
- Upload evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination (e.g., vaccination certificate).
- Provide details of the address where you have spent, or will spend, most of your time while outside of South Australia. (*If your trip is the same day, put in the relevant greyhound racing track you are attending*).

Entry Check SA

When you complete your Entry Check SA application, you will be assessed depending on your level of risk and advised of any entry conditions. SA Health assesses several factors –

- The extent of COVID-19 community transmission from your local government area; and/or,
- The population rate of full dose vaccination.

You can read information on this at the [EntryCheckSA](#) site and [Assessment of LGA Risk Level](#).

Health Check SA

After you complete an Entry Check SA application, SA Health will assess your risk and advise of any entry conditions and requirement to use Health Check SA. Depending on your level of risk, you may need to complete quarantine, testing and symptom check requirements using Health Check SA. If Entry Check SA refers you to Health Check SA follow these steps -

1. Once you receive your SMS, download Health Check SA from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
2. Log in using your mySA GOV account. You created your mySA GOV account when completing your Entry Check SA application.
3. If you do not have a mySA GOV account, you will need to create one. You will need to provide and verify a mobile phone number and an email address.
4. Once you have logged in to Health Check SA using your mySA GOV account, use your Unique Identifier Code to activate your Health Check SA app. This is the code sent in your initial SMS and begins with ‘HQ’.
5. Complete the Health Check SA steps to begin your quarantine and/or symptom checks.

MAKE SURE THAT THE EXTENT OF YOUR HEALTH CHECK SA ENTRY CONDITIONS STILL ENABLE YOU TO ATTEND A RACE MEETING.

For example, if the Health Check SA entry condition is that you quarantine until you receive a negative COVID-19 test, it might mean it is not practically possible to cross the border to attend a race meeting.

PROCEDURE – CROSS BORDER TRAVEL FROM INSIDE A CROSS BORDER CORRIDOR

Fully vaccinated residents of the Cross Border Community can make an application to enter South Australia using [EntryCheckSA](#).

Approval will be granted for three months allowing Cross Border Community members to enter South Australia unrestricted.

Cross Border Community members are not required to have a pre-entry COVID-19 test if:

- they remain in the cross border corridor, or
- leave the cross border corridor for 72 hours or less.

Cross Border Community members who leave the cross border corridor on the New South Wales or Victorian side for more than 72 hours will be required to have a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of their first arrival in South Australia but are not required to make a new application to enter South Australia.

When entering South Australia Cross Border Community members may be asked to produce evidence of their residential address and vaccination status.

Existing cross border approvals will be honoured until they expire at which time a new application will be required via Entry Check SA.

OTHER (NON-COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Also note -

- Check the [Greyhound Racing SA site](#) for any notices about restrictions relating to greyhound movement (e.g., animal quarantine).
- You must still nominate for racing and trialling using the usual method.

LEAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Before you travel from South Australia into another state or territory (*including if you are returning home*), check for any restrictions, and register for cross-border travel (if needed) at:

[Victoria](#)
[New South Wales](#)
[Australian Capital Territory](#)
[Queensland](#)
[Northern Territory](#)
[Western Australia](#)
[Tasmania](#)

[New Zealand](#)

Even though you may be returning to your home state, you may still need a permit from your home state. This includes South Australia.

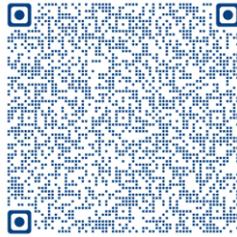
Australian Health Alerts

Do not attend any area that is an Australian Health Alert area, or you may be stuck in your location until you are cleared to return. If you have attended an Australian Health Alert area, you may be restricted from crossing State borders.

Check the latest cluster areas at -

[Contact tracing | SA Health](#)

Or, take a pic of this QR code with your device:



ORDER

Nominations will be not accepted, and/or attendance not permitted from any person usually resident in, or travelling into South Australia from other countries, State or Territories *except*:

- (1) At, or after, nomination, *if requested* by an authorised person, officer of the Controlling Body, official or Steward, that person provides a copy of their *current* SA Police cross-border approval (and/or proof of vaccination) to the Controlling Body for racing in South Australia; and,
- (2) At, or after, nomination, *if requested* by an authorised person, officer of the Controlling Body, official or Steward, that person provides evidence that they satisfied their obligations under the *Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel) (COVID-19) Direction 2021*, that is in force at the time applicable to their border crossing and their remaining in South Australia.

Example – If that person is required, under the relevant Directions, to follow a requirement under a restriction level (), they must, if requested, provide evidence that they satisfied that requirement.*

PENALTY

A registered person who fails to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty pursuant to GAR95.

PART 2 – COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

PROCEDURE – VENUE MANAGEMENT

The Controlling Body must operate under the Public Activities Direction. Further, the Controlling Body must follow the procedure for assessing and managing the risk of COVID-19 exposures in general businesses and venues, issued by SA Health. To do this, the Controlling Body must consider, monitor –

- Vaccination status of a contact;
- Social distancing between a (COVID-19 positive) case and a contact;
- Duration of contact between a case and a contact;
- If a case and/or a contact were wearing masks.

To do this, there will be times that the Controlling Body will need to confirm proof of vaccination and/or control the wearing of masks. To give effect to this, Schedules 1 to 3 of this policy enable the Controlling Body to require persons to provide proof of vaccination (where needed); wear masks when directed to do so; and, only attend a venue of the Controlling Body if they are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Attendance at GRSA Venues (including licenced premises)

The following requirements are to be read subject to the operation of Schedules 1 to 3 of this policy.

- (1) All Registered Persons may attend all tracks for racing and associated purposes.
- (2) All persons (*except those prohibited pursuant to orders under Greyhound Racing Rules of Greyhound Racing SA Limited*) may attend all tracks (except normally restricted areas) to observe racing and associated activities.
- (3) All persons (*except those prohibited pursuant to orders under Greyhound Racing Rules of Greyhound Racing SA Limited* or subject to relevant liquor licensing and gaming laws) may attend all licenced premises as patrons.
- (4) All persons (*except those prohibited pursuant to orders under Greyhound Racing Rules of Greyhound Racing SA Limited*) may attend administration venues for business, employment or associated purposes.
- (5) The maximum number of patrons within the licenced premises is displayed on signs at the premises. Once the maximum number is reached, attendance will be restricted.
- (6) The maximum number of spectators or visitors within a place (including stadiums in open areas) are displayed on signs at the place. Once the maximum number is reached, attendance will be restricted.
- (7) All consumption of food and drink within the licenced premises must be done pursuant to directions from the Licensee or delegate. **Failure to do so may be treated as a breach of rule 89(p), Greyhounds Australasia Rules and you may be directed to leave the venue (Registered Person or not).**
- (8) **You must record your details for contact tracing using the displayed QR codes at the venue.** Ask staff if you need assistance.
- (9) Download the COVID-Safe app + mySA GOV app on Apple / Google Stores.
- (10) **You must record your details for contact tracing using the displayed QR codes at the venue.** Ask staff if you need assistance.
- (11) Record your attendance using the mySA GOV app (COVID-Safe Check-in).
- (12) If you cannot use the mySA GOV app, record your attendance on the form CONTACT TRACING RECORD – ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.
- (13) **Upon request from a Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate), you must produce proof that you have checked in and/or proof of vaccination (where applicable).** This can be done on the mySA GOV app using the “Open Last Check-in” feature of the COVID-Safe check-in option; or, indicating a written entry on the form. For proof of vaccination, this can be done on the mySA GOV app; a wallet app on a smart mobile device; the Medicare Express app; or, a paper copy of a vaccination certificate. Exemptions (where relevant) are to be supported by producing evidence of the exemption from SA Health or equivalent public health entity; or, a registered medical or allied health professional. **Failure to do so may be treated as a breach of rule 89(p), Greyhounds Australasia Rules and you may be directed to leave the venue.**
- (14) Observe social distancing where possible. To have maximum protection from COVID-19 transmission, maintain a social distance over 1.5m (2 arm’s length) apart.

- (15) To have maximum protection from COVID-19 transmission, avoid direct contact such as shaking hands or sharing personal property.
- (16) To have maximum protection from COVID-19 transmission, limit close contact with other to under 15 minutes and ideally, not over 1 minute.
- (17) Wearing masks is recommended if you are unable to socially distance; or, when directed by law or the Controlling Body.
- (18) Wash hands regularly.
- (19) If you have flu-like symptoms, please do not attend / leave and seek medical advice as soon as possible (this includes testing).
- (20) Visit the SA Health contact tracing page by following the QR code at the end of this Notice and read the list of cluster locations. If you were at these locations at the date / time stated, please do not attend / leave and seek medical advice as soon as possible (this includes testing).

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All persons attending GRSA venues must comply with this policy, including Schedules 1 to 3, where those Schedules are in force from time to time.

PENALTY

A registered person who fails to comply with this policy shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty pursuant to GAR95. Non-registered persons may be referred to the police. Employees may face disciplinary action.

LINKS

Public Activities Direction

[Public activities | SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19 \(covid-19.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19/public-activities)

Contact tracing hard copy forms

[Contact-Tracing-Record-Attendance-at-Public-Activities \(DOCX, 60.0 KB\) \(covid-19.sa.gov.au\)](#)
[Contact-Tracing-Record-Attendance-at-Public-Activities \(PDF, 558.9 KB\) \(covid-19.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Cross Border

[Cross-border travel | SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19 \(covid-19.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19/cross-border-travel)

COMMENCEMENT

On 12 August 2020 I, Derek Kordick, was appointed an Authorised Person and Steward (Compliance), pursuant to rule 14(1)(a), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, as an officer of the Controlling Body, to administer and regulate greyhound racing, pursuant to the Rules of Greyhound Racing for Greyhound Racing SA Limited.

Now I, Derek Kordick, being of the opinion that this is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Rules of Greyhound Racing, give the following Order, pursuant to:
Greyhounds Australasia Rules, rules 14, 86(p), (q) and 86(ag)
Local Regulatory Rules (SA), rule 5

ORDER

That this policy, the *GRSA COVID-19 Response Policy*, is effective on and from 23 November 2021 and continues until 30 June 2022, unless revoked sooner.

SCHEDULE 1 – PROOF OF VACCINATION

To give effect to the Controlling Body's obligations under SA Health's advice to assess and manage the risk of COVID-19 exposure in general businesses and venues, the Controlling Body must, from time to time, confirm proof of vaccination of people attending venues owned, operated or under regulation by the Controlling Body, in circumstances where those people must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

INTRODUCTION

This Order defines and prescribes the locations and circumstances that Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) (the Controlling Body) may require proof of vaccination status of people attending GRSA venues, beyond the scope of the various directions issued pursuant to orders under the *Emergency Management Act 2004*, as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.

This Order does not mandate vaccinations against COVID-19. Its purpose is to enable GRSA to confirm proof of vaccination (or not) to manage risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, as required by SA Health.

APPLICATION

Further to the definition of proof of vaccination under this policy, proof of vaccination, for this Order, means –

The production of –

- (a) digital, and/or,
- (b) manual (paper) evidence,

that the person,

- (i) has received at least one dose of a TGA approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccine; and,
- (ii) the person has received, or has evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a TGA approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccine within the interval after the first dose recommended by the ATAGI for that COVID-19 vaccine.

Note—

The ATAGI clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine is available [here](#).

ORDER

This Order is effective on and from 23 November 2021 and continues until 30 June 2022, unless revoked sooner.

A person subject to this Order must provide evidence of proof of vaccination upon requirement by a Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate).

Where a person is required to be vaccinated under law, that person is exempt from this Order if they produce evidence of an exemption from SA Health or equivalent public health entity; or, a registered medical or allied health professional that is to the satisfaction of the Controlling Body.

The Controlling Body may, if satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, exempt (conditionally or unconditionally) a person or class of persons from this Order or a provision of this Order.

ENFORCEMENT

A registered person who fails to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty pursuant to GAR95.

SCHEDULE 2 - MASK MANDATE

From time to time, the Controlling Body may mandate the wearing of masks at GRSA venues. Where this occurs, the following Order applies.

INTRODUCTION

This Order defines and prescribes the locations and circumstances that Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) (the Controlling Body) generally mandates the wearing of masks, beyond the scope of the various directions issued pursuant to orders under the *Emergency Management Act 2004*, as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.

DEFINITIONS

Coursing has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Event has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Greyhound racing has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Meeting has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Official has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Parade area has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules as amended from time to time.

Qualifying trial has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Racecourse has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time; and includes the kennel house, parade areas, tracks, boxes and catching areas.

Registered person has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Satisfactory trial has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

Track has the corresponding meaning in the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, as amended from time to time.

APPLICATION

The Order applies to –

- (a) registered persons; and,
- (b) officials,

being “**relevant persons**”, attending –

- (i) Coursing;
- (ii) Events;
- (iii) Meetings;
- (iv) Qualifying trials; and,
- (v) Satisfactory trials,

being, “**relevant events**”, at any racecourse.

ORDER

This Order is effective on and from the publication of a relevant Stewards' Notice, Direction or Order, of the commencement date of this Order, on the social media webpage www.grsa.com.au.

All relevant persons attending relevant events at any racecourse, must carry and wear a mask that covers the person's nose and mouth, pursuant to this Order.

EXEMPTIONS

Any relevant person who possesses an exemption from SA Health, a letter or other document from a general practitioner or other medical or allied health professional that excuses that person from wearing a mask is exempt from this Order.

Any official or other person performing duty for GRSA, where their duty cannot be reasonably performed wearing a mask, is exempt from this Order.

If it appears to Stewards that a relevant person is being adversely affected by wearing a mask, such that their health or ability to control a greyhound is impaired, Stewards may exempt that person from this Order. However, Stewards may make such subsequent Orders as is reasonably practicable to give effect to this Order.

If it appears to Stewards that the weather at a relevant event is such that wearing of masks could adversely affect the relevant persons, or their control of greyhounds, Stewards may exempt the relevant event from this Order.

Where relevant persons are the subject matter of posed photographs, or other media, to be captured by a photographer performing duty for GRSA, they may remove masks, but only for such time as is necessary to capture the images.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Where masks are not mandatory under this Order, the Controlling Body recommends wearing masks in circumstances where social distancing cannot be achieved.

ENFORCEMENT

A registered person who fails to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty pursuant to GAR95.

SCHEDULE 3 – VACCINATION MANDATE

The COVID-19 pandemic in Australia is an ever-evolving situation, and it is necessary for GRSA to adapt to current circumstances to ensure the health and safety of its workers, patrons (including registered persons), members and any other third parties who visit or have dealings with GRSA.

COVID-19 vaccines play a critical role in protecting the health and wellbeing of people in Australia. GRSA (including its licenced premises) serve their respective communities and we all want our communities to be safe and healthy.

The purpose of this policy is to assist GRSA in achieving its duty to ensure the health and safety of everyone who visits a GRSA venue by ensuring anyone who enters the GRSA venue is vaccinated.

INTRODUCTION

Why is it necessary to be vaccinated at a GRSA venue?

There are many compelling reasons to make vaccination against COVID-19 (and subsequent variants) a mandatory requirement for entering a GRSA venue including:

- It provides everyone a consistency of protection against COVID-19;
- Given COVID-19 is so easily transmitted, one positive COVID-19 case can shut down GRSA venues which has significant financial and other consequences for our workers, our members and our operational continuity, ongoing operations and viability as a sport;
- Where someone has been vaccinated, the requirements for quarantining may not be necessary or less significant than those who are not vaccinated;
- GRSA considers this is the “*right thing to do*” as a good corporate citizen for workers, patrons and our community, given the services we provide to the community;
- It provides workers and visitors with increased confidence that GRSA is a safe place to enter and may also be a factor for prospective workers who may consider employment with GRSA and people who may wish to visit or become members;
- People who visit GRSA venues regularly come into contact with large volumes of people, some of whom have an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19, including elderly and /or vulnerable patrons such as children, who cannot be vaccinated at this time GRSA is mindful of their health and safety (and their families) in addition to our own workers (and their families);
- It is a reasonable (and currently the highest) control measure reducing the risk of transmission between workers and members/patrons at work.

GRSA’s legal obligations fall within the *Work Health & Safety Act 2012* (SA) (the **WHS Act**) which requires GRSA to ensure the health and safety of anyone who comes to a GRSA venue.

The legal obligation on GRSA and its workers is that where a known safety risk cannot be eliminated, steps to control the risk need to be considered (based on a hierarchy of controls set out in the health & safety laws).

So far, our control measures earlier in the pandemic have included face masks, social distancing, hygiene and hand washing etc. Now that we have a vaccine against COVID-19, this represents a “*higher*” and more effective method to control the risk of COVID-19 in the workplace, compared to hygiene, physical distancing, COVID-Marshals and enforcement of COVID-Safe Plans etc.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to –

- (a) Employees (including contractors) of GRSA;
- (b) Volunteers of GRSA;
- (c) Patrons;
- (d) Club members;
- (e) Registered persons; and
- (f) All other visitors,

being “**specified person/s**”, at the following “**GRSA venue/s**” –

- (i) Greyhound Racing SA, Angle Park (including racecourse, betting areas and surrounding buildings, grandstand, carparks, administration offices and kennel houses – all areas);
- (ii) Greyhound Racing SA, Angle Park administration office and associated buildings;
- (iii) Greyhounds as Pets office;
- (iv) Chasers Restaurant;
- (v) McQueens Tavern;
- (vi) Murray Bridge Greyhound Racing Club and surrounding buildings (including racecourse, betting areas and surrounding buildings, grandstand, carparks, administration offices and kennel houses – all areas);
- (vii) Doyles Function Centre;
- (viii) Gawler Greyhound Racing Club and surrounding buildings (including racecourse, betting areas and surrounding buildings, grandstand, carparks, administration offices and kennel houses – all areas);
- (ix) Nixons Function Centre;
- (x) Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club (including clubhouse, racecourse, betting areas and surrounding buildings, grandstand, carparks, administration offices and kennel houses – all areas);
- (xi) GOTBA Virginia (including clubhouse, racecourse and surrounding buildings, carparks and administration offices – all areas within leasehold).

ORDER

This Order is effective on and from the publication of a relevant Stewards’ Notice, Direction or Order, of the commencement date of this Order, on the social media webpage www.grsa.com.au.

A specified person must not enter, or remain in, a GRSA venue, unless—

- (a) The specified person has received at least one dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine; and,
- (b) The specified person has received, or has evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine within the interval after the first dose recommended by the ATAGI for that COVID-19 vaccine.

The specified person subject to the requirement in subclause (a) and (b) must provide a Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate), with proof of their vaccination status upon request (pursuant to Schedule 1).

Notes—

The ATAGI expanded guidance on acute major medical conditions that warrant a temporary medical exemption relevant for COVID-19 vaccines is available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/atagi-expanded-guidance-on-temporary-medical-exemptions-for-covid-19-vaccines>

The current version of the clinical guidance on use of COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in 2021 is available at: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-atagi-clinical-guidance-on-covid-19-vaccine-in-australia-in-2021>

EXEMPTIONS

Medical

The specified person may enter and remain in GRSA venues if that person possesses, and produces to a Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate) upon request (pursuant to Schedule 1), a medical certificate or letter from a legally qualified medical or allied health practitioner certifying that the specified person—

- (a) Has a medical exemption from receiving a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine on either a permanent or temporary basis in accordance with the guidelines published from time to time by ATAGI; or,
- (b) Has a medical exemption on either a permanent or temporary basis from receiving the preferred vaccine as recommended by ATAGI for the person's age; or,
- (c) Has an appointment to be assessed by a medical specialist or has commenced an assessment with a medical specialist to determine whether they have a medical exemption from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine on either a permanent or temporary basis in accordance with the guidelines published from time to time by ATAGI; or,
- (d) Is currently taking part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial and receipt of a TGA approved vaccine would impact the validity of the trial,

and (for (a) to (d)) -

- (i) The certificate or letter specifies the nature of the exemption and the basis on which it applies; and
- (ii) The Chief Public Health Officer or delegate has endorsed the exemption; and,
- (iii) The specified person provides the Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate) (pursuant to Schedule 1), with a copy of the endorsement provided under paragraph (ii).

Other reasons

Given the purpose and scope of this policy, there will be limited circumstances in which any other exemptions will be granted by GRSA.

Requests for exemption will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, including having regard to:

- (a) whether there is likely to be interaction with people with vulnerabilities and/or children, should they enter GRSA venues;
- (b) the risks of exposure to COVID-19 for others; and,
- (c) the overall purpose and scope of this policy.

When considering whether to allow an exemption, GRSA will consider the overall risk it may pose to the health and safety of the person and others at GRSA venues and any alternate adjustments that may be taken to lessen any risk.

ENFORCEMENT

Evidence of Vaccination

Those who enter GRSA venues must ensure they have access to government-issued evidence of their vaccination status whilst at GRSA venues. Examples include the Federal Government Immunisation History Statement or COVID-19 vaccination digital certificate (where available).

A Steward, official or authorised person (including a Licensee or delegate) (pursuant to Schedule 1), may ask someone to show their vaccination status at any time. If you are unable to provide evidence of your vaccination status when asked, you may be asked to leave the GRSA venue.

GRSA will also keep a list of those who consent to allowing GRSA to retain evidence of their vaccination status. Any such evidence will be securely stored and managed in accordance with the GRSA's privacy policy.

Consequences of non-compliance with this Policy

Anyone who does not comply with this policy will not be allowed to enter the GRSA venue or will be asked to leave. Failure to comply may result in GRSA contacting SA Police for assistance. All CCTV recordings relevant to the non-compliance will be disclosed to SA Police, if requested.

A registered person who fails to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty pursuant to GAR95.

Privacy

Any proof of vaccination will be sighted and will not be stored without any clear prior consent to do so and where it is stored this will be done securely. Any information regarding an inability to be vaccinated and/or seeking an exemption on other medical grounds will be dealt with the utmost confidentiality.