

8 December 2021

Dear Members,

We're now nearly 2 years into the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a club we have adapted incredibly well to the challenges of COVID-19. We were the first club in Queensland to hold a COVID Safe Dog Sports Trial and the first club outside Brisbane to hold a COVID Safe Dog Show. This reflects our commitment to going above and beyond to support each other and provide a safe environment for our members, volunteers and visitors. I know that we will handle the next challenge like any other – with respect, patience and fortitude.

On Friday, 17 December 2021 the Queensland Government will ease restrictions for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, refer to <u>Queensland's Public Health Measures linked to vaccination status</u>. The <u>Dogs Queensland policy</u>, published on 3 December 2021, reflects the Queensland Government requirements, states that all persons attending an event at an affiliated club must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The activities undertaken by the CCKC are classified as non-essential services (events) under these new restrictions. Therefore, any person wishing to attend a Cairns City Kennel Club Inc (CCKC) event, or an event at the clubhouse and grounds, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please note that children under the age of 16 are exempt from the Queensland Government Health Measures linked to vaccination status.

People may be requested to verify their vaccination status to a committee member or volunteer coordinating/managing an event. I'd request that members are respectful towards our volunteers who may request this information.

Please ensure you have downloaded the <u>Check In Qld app</u> to your mobile phone, and added <u>your proof of vaccination</u> <u>status</u>.

I would encourage all committee members and volunteers responsible for coordinating events to do the free TAFE Queensland micro-credential course: <a href="Moving Edward Training">COVID SAFE Work Training</a>. I did the course; it takes about 10 minutes, and it provides some valuable information.

To provide a level of clarity, the CCKC has published a policy: <u>COVID Safety</u> and the <u>COVID resources</u> page on the CCKC website will be updated to reflect the new Queensland Government restrictions.

I appreciate everyone's patience as we adapt to these new requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards

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