

Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Consistent with the Victorian Government directives, Willum Warrain is required to keep its premises safe and minimise the risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19.

Willum Warrain is committed to providing a safe gathering place for community. That means doing what it can to ensuring the health and safety of its staff, volunteers and visitors. Willum Warrain is communal and offers in person services and programs which makes it more susceptible to enabling the spread of COVID-19.

If there is an active case of COVID-19 at Willum Warrain, this might place a significant amount of people in our community at risk of becoming sick. Because many of our services are face to face group sessions (including children and their families) we are being careful about COVID-19.

What is the policy

Willum Warrain has a **COVID-19 Safety Plan** in place. In addition to the measures in that Plan we have decided that in the best interests of the community and the safety of those who attend our groups and programs to have this vaccination policy.

This policy requires that everyone who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination and who wishes to physically attend Willum Warrain to access its services **must** be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of that vaccination.

Non-contact charitable and community support can be accessed which do not require physical attendance.

Conditions of entry

Consistent with this Policy the following conditions of entry to Willum Warrain apply:

1. the community attending Willum Warrain comply with the COVID-19 Safety Plan;
2. those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination and wish to physically attend Willum Warrain to access its services are fully vaccinated;
3. evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status is provided.

Willum Warrain will not refuse entry to the community who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (proof of medical exemption must be provided) or 16 years of age and under.

What happens when I enter?

Upon entering Willum Warrain, eligible individuals are required to provide proof of vaccination or evidence of a medical exemption to receiving immunisation.

There are two ways to show proof of your vaccination:

1. Your COVID-19 digital certificate which shows proof of only your COVID-19 vaccinations that you can add to a digital wallet or Service Victoria App.
2. Your immunisation history statement which lists your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations which combined with photo identification demonstrates you have been vaccinated.

For more information, please see <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate>

A physical copy of your medical exemption will be required alongside photo identification.

Willum Warrain will not keep a record of individual's COVID-19 vaccination status. The purpose of providing evidence of vaccination is merely to determine whether entry into Willum Warrain should be allowed.

Feeling unsure?

We acknowledge that there may be members in the community who may have other reasons for not being vaccinated. We will assess this on a case-by-case basis and try to offer the safest solution.

As always, we strive to accommodate the needs of the community. This policy is not intended to discriminate or prevent anyone from accessing Willum Warrain, rather it is focused on ensuring the community's health and safety.

If you are unsure if being vaccinated is safe for you or are unsure which COVID-19 vaccine to get, please make an appointment to see your doctor to discuss. Additionally, if you are seeking a vaccination for your child in their age group, please consult with your doctor as well.

If you have any questions or concerns or require assistance regarding attending Willum Warrain and vaccinations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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