



# STROKE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY UPDATED JANUARY 2023

*To make the Stroke Recovery Association's COVID-19 vaccination policy as clear as possible, this document highlights the requirements of the policy that must be followed by ALL who attend Stroke Recovery Clubs/groups/choirs.*

## Who does the COVID-19 vaccination policy apply to?

- It applies to any member, volunteer, staff, Board member, Health professional, guest or student that attends a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir or Association event.
- It applies to any adult or child **over the age of 5 years**.

## How many vaccinations do I need to be 'appropriately vaccinated'?

- After 12 April 2022:
  - You are 'appropriately vaccinated' if you:
    - Have received 3 or more injections of an approved COVID-19 vaccination and booster.

## I'm 'appropriately vaccinated' – what do I need to do to attend a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir or event?

- To attend a meeting or event, you need to provide proof of vaccination through **NSW Health approved documents** (e.g. Services NSW app, printed vaccination certificate etc).
- This only needs to be **presented once to your Club/group/choir coordinator**, who will record citing this document.
- A copy of this certificate is **not** required.

## What if I have a medical exemption?

- If you have received a temporary medical exemption from your GP, you will still be required to provide a **negative Rapid Antigen Test (undertaken upon arrival)** or a **negative PCR test** result taken in the 48 hours prior to attending a Club/group/choir or SRA event.
- Personal and/or philosophical objections to the COVID-19 vaccine will **not be accepted** for granting an exemption.

## I am NOT 'appropriately vaccinated', can I still attend a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir or event?

- Yes – see the following page for more information.



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## I am NOT 'appropriately vaccinated', what do I need to do to attend a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir or Association event?

- If you are not 'appropriately vaccinated' you must:
  - Provide evidence of a negative test result. This is:
    - **A negative PCR test** result taken in the **48 hours prior** to attending a Club/group/choir or Association event.
    - **A negative Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)** taken on arrival at a Club/group/choir or Association event. Club Coordinators will be provided with these tests, so you will **NOT** be required to bring your own.
    - *Please note that RATs taken prior to arriving will **NOT** be accepted and you will be asked to take another test on arrival.*
  - All unvaccinated members are required to wear a **mask at all times** (including on arrival) when attending a Club/group/choir or Association event.

***The Association strongly recommends vaccination (unless someone has a medical exemption), you can still attend a Club/group/choir if you present a negative test.***

## I am unvaccinated and do not want to get tested before attending a Club/group/choir. What can I do?

- You will be **unable to attend a face-to-face** Club/group/choir or Association event until you either get vaccinated or agree to complete a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on arrival or a PCR test in the 48 hours prior to attending.

## Do NOT attend a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir if:

- You are considered a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- You have the following symptoms:
  - A sore throat
  - A fever
  - A cough
  - Any flu-related symptoms

## When attending a Stroke Recovery Club/group/choir:

- Masks are **mandatory** for **unvaccinated** members.
- Masks are **highly recommended** for **vaccinated** members.
- Social distance as much as possible and practical.
- Sanitise hands frequently and take care of your own health.

**A copy of the detailed COVID-19 vaccination policy is available for any member upon request from the Association. For a full copy of the COVID-19 policy, please contact the Association on 1300 650 595 and one will be forward to you.**