

COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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ABOUT COVID

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Most people infected with the virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. However, some will become seriously ill and require medical attention. Older people and those with underlying medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer are more likely to develop serious illnesses. Anyone can get sick with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die at any age.

Stay informed:

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is to be well informed about the disease and how the virus spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by staying at least 1 metre apart from others, wearing a properly fitted mask, and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based rub frequently. Get vaccinated when it's your turn and follow local guidance.

The virus can spread from an infected person's mouth or nose in small liquid particles when they cough, sneeze, speak, sing or breathe. These particles range from larger respiratory droplets to smaller aerosols. It is important to practice respiratory etiquette, for example by coughing into a flexed elbow, and to stay home and self-isolate until you recover if you feel unwell.

Disclaimer

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A COVID-19 Vaccination and the recommended boosters are important steps for people to protect themselves and the community against the virus.

All homestay participants (Families and students) are required to receive an approved COVID-19 vaccination if it is considered safe for you to do so on the advice of a health practitioner.

International students travelling to Australia will need to follow Australian Government health and border requirements, as well as guidelines from the state/territory government in which they will be studying. Currently, anyone entering Australia must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination/exemption and evidence of a negative COVID-19 Polymerase 48 hrs before departure

Testing within 48 hours of arrival to WA, and on the 6th day, remains a requirement for international and interstate visitors

IF A STUDENT IS UNWELL

If a student is unwell and/or has been exposed to COVID-19 (through close contact or being in a hotspot), they will be required to postpone their arrival for the placement. They will need to complete the Government mandated quarantine if ordered and provide a negative COVID-19 test prior to arriving in the home.

IF A HOST IS UNWELL

If a host is unwell and/or has been exposed to COVID-19 (through close contact or being in a hotspot) prior to a guest arriving at their home, the placement will need to be cancelled and the student will be placed with an alternative host to avoid putting the student at risk of contracting the virus.

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In accordance with Talkabout Tours PTY LTD's duty to provide and maintain a workplace that is free of known hazards, we are adopting this policy to safeguard the health of our students, families, visitors, our employees, and the community at large from infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, that may be reduced by vaccinations.

All students are required to have received vaccinations by the start of their homestay period unless a legal exemption applies.

All students shall comply with all Government (Federal and State) COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements to access the homestay family premises. Where the student does not meet a vaccination or testing requirement: prior to departure from the students home location, the customer will not be permitted to stay with the family and will be considered a cancellation (see cancellation policy)

Where the student cancels due to travel restrictions other than a vaccination or testing requirements, the student will be contacted and offered a refund or credit note (to be used at a later time), where such an offer is at the absolute discretion of the operator. TAT reserves the right to withhold some monies to cover administrative expenses and other losses, dependent on when notice of cancellation is given by the customer

Talkabout Tours PTY LTD will require all families to be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination before the student's arrival.

Copies of Vaccination reports will be maintained on file but subject to WA Privacy Laws.(See Privacy Policy)