

COVID Risk Mitigation Strategy:

2022 Australasian “Orange” Pulsar Workshop

To minimise the risk of COVID transmission among in-person attendees, we have developed a COVID Risk Mitigation Strategy. In-person attendees are required to carefully read the Strategy and agree to adhere to the Guidelines.

Links for travel restrictions

(In brief, there aren't any restrictions)

NSW: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/travel-restrictions/interstate-travel-rules>

WA: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-interstate-travel>

VIC: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-travellers>

Risk summary

Covid-related risks

Risk: Travel interruptions or delays due to restrictions or changes to flights

Impact: People unable to make it to the workshop in person as planned

Mitigation: Remote attendance is the primary fall-back option in case of cancellation. Not everyone will be on the same flight. In case travel delays or interruptions incur additional costs, these will be covered by the Workshop budget.

Risk: Personnel covid-positive yet asymptomatic prior to workshop

Impact: Come to workshop in person & infect others (include workshop attendees, site staff, public); Determined to be positive while at workshop and be required to isolate (at Parkes);

Mitigation: Require everyone does a Covid-19 test within 48 hours prior to departure (PCR preferred or RAT) and prior to attendance each day of workshop; any accompanying costs to be covered by Workshop budget.

Risk: Personnel contract covid while travelling (e.g. on plane)

Impact: Become ill during workshop; Infect others; Required to isolate (in Parkes) with attendant costs;

Mitigation: Appropriate use of masks (P2/N95 preferred) etc while travelling and at the event; require RAT testing prior to attendance each day at workshop; any accompanying costs to be covered by Workshop budget.

Risk: Spread of infection at workshop venue.

Impact: Multiple people become ill during workshop; Required to isolate; Reduced participation at workshop

Mitigation: Ensure appropriate social distancing and airflow (including leaving external theatre door

open); hold meals and breaks outdoors, weather-permitting; Workshop organisers will ensure a readily available supply of masks during the event and require usage while indoors

Risk: Personnel or family members travelling with them become positive at venue

Impact: Would be required to isolate in place for 5 days per NSW guidelines and may require medical care

Response: CSIRO will be able to cover accommodation & transport costs for CSIRO attendees as required from the isolation and required changes to travel plans. CSIRO will not cover any additional accommodation and transport costs for external attendees. Professional medical costs would be covered by personnel (through Medicare / health insurance).

Guidelines

In-person attendees are required to:

1. Wear a mask while indoors and on the bus between Parkes to the workshop, unless presenting, eating, or drinking.
2. Take a RAT test prior to in-person attendance each day of workshop, and sign off negative result before entering conference venue
3. Remain socially-distanced from other attendees and personnel, where possible and practicable
4. Be aware of any symptoms of illness and only attend in-person if feeling well

In-person attendees are encouraged to:

5. Eat and drink outside, weather-permitting