



Covid 19 Policy

Introduction

1. The Snowy River Ski Club Cooperative Ltd. (the Club) owns and operates a lodge located at Guthega.
2. This policy replaces the Snowy River Ski Club Cooperative Ltd. Vaccination Policy which came into effect on 29 October 2021. It accords with NSW and Commonwealth Government requirements.
3. The Club recognises the significant adverse health and economic impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had and continues to have in Australia.
4. Under the current high COVID-19 infection rates in the community, there is little the Club can do to minimise the risk of COVID infection in the Lodge while keeping it open. All adult Lodge users are ultimately responsible for their own COVID-safety and the safety of their dependents and should do whatever they think is necessary for their COVID-safety over and above the requirements of this policy.
5. An objective of the Club is to take all reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of all people who choose to stay in and use the facilities of the Club, and the community generally. The purpose of implementing this policy is to enable the Club to fulfil this objective.
6. The Club has identified the following risks:
 - a. Numbers of members and guests can visit the lodge and come into close contact with each other.
 - b. Many of the facilities at the lodge are shared; and
 - c. The age of some members increases the risk and the potential severity of symptoms that person may experience if they are exposed to COVID-19.

Condition of Entry

7. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry and the right to refuse to provide services to any person.
8. All persons entering the lodge are very strongly encouraged to be fully up to date¹ with Covid 19 vaccinations.
9. Where a person who is not up to date with vaccinations wishes to enter the lodge that person must provide proof of a negative result of a rapid antigen test taken within 24 hours immediately before their arrival at the lodge. The results of the test are to be forwarded to the booking officer.
10. Where a person, whether up to date with vaccinations or not, who wishes to enter the lodge experiences Covid symptoms (see paragraph 15) within a seven day period immediately prior to visiting the lodge, or returns from overseas travel within a fourteen day period immediately prior to visiting the lodge, that person must provide proof of a negative result of a rapid antigen test taken within 24 hours immediately before their arrival at the lodge. The results of the test are to be forwarded to the booking officer.
11. The requirement outlined in paragraphs 9 and 10 above will apply to every person seeking to enter the lodge, with two exceptions:
 - a. A person under 5 years of age;
 - b. A person who is included in a whole of lodge booking, paragraphs 13 and 14 apply.
12. Day visitors are required to check in via the Service NSW app QR code.

¹ "Up to date" means vaccinated in accord with the ATAGI statement on defining 'up-to-date' status for COVID-19 vaccination which is at : <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-statement-on-defining-up-to-date-status-for-covid-19-vaccination>

Whole of Lodge bookings

13. In the case of a whole of lodge booking it is the responsibility of the member making the booking to determine and implement appropriate Covid 19 safety measures at the lodge for the duration of the booking and to ensure appropriate cleaning of the lodge at the end of the booking.
14. The club will not accept responsibility for Covid 19 safety matters that may arise from a whole of lodge booking.

Potential infection of a person at the lodge

15. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (≥ 37.50 temperature), cough, sore throat, shortness of breath (difficulty breathing), runny nose loss of smell and loss of taste.
16. In the event that a person experiences Covid related symptoms whilst at the lodge then that person and the party or group of persons with whom they arrived at the lodge must depart from the lodge as soon as is practicable, **or**
17. The person displaying symptoms must undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) and show a negative result within six hours of becoming aware of the symptoms and undertake further such tests and display negative results at 24 and 48 hour intervals after the first test. The person displaying symptoms must self-isolate within the lodge from the time when symptoms arise until confirmation of the first negative RAT test result. In the event that any of the RAT tests show a positive result the procedure at paragraph 15 applies.
18. All persons visiting the lodge are advised to have rapid antigen tests available for use if required.
19. Any person who tests positive to Covid 19 within seven days of departing the lodge should immediately inform the booking officer who will notify all lodge visitors likely to be affected.

Good hygiene practice

20. All lodge members and guests are required to familiarise themselves with Government guidance on personal hygiene and practise this. Regular hand washing with soap and water is recommended. Information is available at the Commonwealth Government Department of Health website: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/protect-yourself-and-others>
21. All persons entering the lodge must wash hands with soap and water or use sanitizer.
22. Hand sanitizer must be used by anyone entering the kitchen.
23. Sanitizer containers and advice in relation to cleaning requirements are available around the Lodge to assist members and their guests comply with these requirements as well. There are also appropriate cleaning products located in the stores.
24. Blankets will continue to be provided in all bedrooms, members and guests will as usual supply their own linen. Members and guests choosing not to use the club blankets due to health concerns may bring their own sleeping bags or blankets.
25. Members may choose to wear masks; this is not mandatory. All members and guests must bring suitable masks for personal use if they develop covid symptoms while at the lodge.
26. The lodge host will have access to a supply of masks for use at her/his discretion. The lodge host may require members or guests to wear masks in some circumstances.

Effective Date and Review Period

27. This Policy is effective from Friday 18 February 2022.
28. This Policy will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated as required.
29. This Policy has been adopted by the Club as the best way to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 at the Club's lodge. The Club acknowledges that risks may change and alternative measures to eliminate or reduce risks may become available over time. The Club will continue to review risks and in circumstances where it forms the view that there are alternative control measures other than those set out in this policy then the Club may either vary, replace or discontinue this Policy upon further notice to members.