

Minimising COVID-19 Risks of infection and exposure in all ACCESS-NRI events

Face to face events are an essential part of building a community, interchange ideas and start collaborations. However, we acknowledge that Australia remains in the middle of a pandemic and would like to do our best to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection among our participants.

This plan outlines some of the measures that we (as event organisers) and you (as a participant) can do to minimise the risk of COVID19 infection, as far as practical and to make these events enjoyable, successful and safe for everyone.

What you can do:

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms or are feeling unwell, please stay home.
- Wear a mask to protect you and others. We will have good quality masks available (PP2) if you don't have one. Please note that the [Australian Government has now relaxed all mitigations](#) on COVID-19 infection, testing, self-isolation, and wearing masks in public spaces. Masks are no longer required at any indoor venues.
- Practice good hygiene (you might as well control infection from other non-airborne virus and bacteria at the same time!), we will have hand sanitiser available at the venues for this purpose.

What we will do:

- Record attendance of all participants through registration for contact tracing.
- Have N95/PP2 masks available and RAT tests for event attendees. **Please note that currently, mask use is no longer compulsory at indoor venues.**
- Provide frequent monitoring of carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels as a proxy to evaluate airborne virus risk and adequate fresh air supply. We are providing some extra ventilation and portable HEPA filters where it is needed or where increasing natural ventilation is not possible.
- We will make sure there are outdoor spaces available at the venues where the events are taking place, if people would like to have their drinks, lunch/morning or afternoon tea outside.

Note: this plan was prepared with advice from aerosol expert Professor Robyn Schofield from the University of Melbourne and member of ACCESS-NRI Board and [OzSage](#).