

COVID-19

Impact on Wilderness First Aid and Resuscitation Training

Wilderness First Aid Australia (WFAA) has recently reviewed all Federal & State Government's rules/regulations/health advise on the COVID-19 Pandemic and has made the decision to re-commence WFA programs as normal from 2022. As COVID-19 rules and regulations differ from State to State it is difficult to keep up with the latest information as it breaks but we do endeavour to keep 'up to date' where possible with any changes. Unfortunately, changes can occur 'last minute' so all students should be aware that it may interrupt schedules unexpectedly.

WFAA has made a number of course changes for 2022 that incorporate the lessening off 'face to face' hours and extra COVID-19 safety measures. Programs now bring in a strong element of COVID protection with the use of extra Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) has advised modifying the teaching of routine first aid and resuscitation courses due to the higher risk of transmission. As individual State Governments adjust COVID requirements from 'time to time' our training is adjusted to meet these requirements. The introduction of sanitising, social distancing, masks and vaccination mandates assist us in keeping others safe.

WFAA totally adheres to any decisions that are backed by the ARC, Australian Federal/State Government and State Health Departments. We understand there will be challenges ahead in 2022 and that we may face frustrations in the Education and Training Sector, although, our aim is to reduce the impact on our business and student training by helping each other reduce the spread of the virus. As the infection numbers grow throughout Australia it is important we all follow COVID safety rules. Not taking strict COVID measures on programs will be irresponsible on our part.

Please feel free to contact us directly if you wish to discuss any impact this may have. All listed programs on WFAA's website will run as planned unless Government directives or student numbers change. If so all students will be notified of any program changes via email.

For further information on any potential impacts/questions from COVID-19 on WFAA programs can be found on our website at:

<https://www.wildernessmedicine.com.au/frequently-asked-questions>

Please call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080 or your individual State Health Department for instructions on what to do if you think you or someone you know may be infected.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Kind Regards
WFAA Team