

Our Y COVID-19 Vaccination Statement

We must be Heroic, Creative and Nurturing

We feel it's important to actively spread a collective vaccine message. That's why we are uniting all our Y teams behind an aligned approach.



OUR PUBLIC STATEMENT

At the Y, we acknowledge the significant impact that COVID-19 continues to have on our Y People and our communities. Lockdowns and border restrictions have kept people apart - from each other, their family, and their friends - and we know we do better when we're together. We are also acutely aware of the effects of COVID-19 on young people now and in their future.

In line with Australian Government advice, we recognise the importance of a preventative health approach. We support vaccination as the best way to protect ourselves, our families and those in our community, and to emerge from this pandemic.

SUPPORTING WORLD YMCA

We are part of a bigger picture. The Y in Australia supports the World YMCA's message:

"COVID-19 has hit the global YMCA Movement hard, and it has hit young people hard. Many YMCAs have had to stop doing the things they have been doing for

years, and doing best: meeting people face to face, supporting them, empowering them. Every person should have the right to accurate information regarding the COVID-19 vaccines and called for the vaccine to be freely and equally available to all”.

OUR COMMITMENT

At our Y, we will:

- Comply with Queensland Government public health orders and legislative requirements regarding COVID-19 to ensure our Ys are safe for all.
- Promote information that aligns with Australian and Queensland Government’s Health Department advice regarding COVID-19 vaccinations to our Y People and our community.
- Comply with mandatory vaccination requirements for specific industry sectors in which the Y operates.
- Encourage our Y People to be as educated as possible regarding COVID-19 vaccination by providing access to up-to-date and reputable information and resources.
- Actively encourage and support our Y People to access vaccination.

A RISK MANAGEMENT APPROACH

The Y understands that vaccination is integral in keeping our Y People safe and healthy. To meet our duties under work health and safety laws and to minimise the risk of exposure to COVID-19 at our Ys, we will continue to apply and encourage control measures such as:

- physical distancing
- good hygiene and hand-washing practices
- QR code check ins
- regular cleaning and maintenance of facilities and equipment
- completion of COVID-19 infection control training by all our Y People
- ensuring our Y people do not attend work if they are unwell and access COVID-19 testing as soon as possible, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Where specific geographical locations or Local Government Areas experience COVID-19 outbreaks. These control measures may also include:

- wearing of face masks
- working from home

For MORE INFORMATION:

- [Australian Government Department of Health – COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [National Plan to Transition Australia’s National COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Australia Government Fair Work Ombudsman – Coronavirus and Australian Workplace Laws](#)
- [Queensland Government COVID-19 Unite and Recover](#)
- [Queensland Government Department of Health – COVID-19](#)