



queenslanddebatingunion

QDU ADJUDICATOR COVID-19 POLICY

1. Vaccination

The facilitation of debates in Queensland Schools is deemed a “high risk setting” for the purposes of section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* (Qld). Therefore, QDU is not permitted to appoint any adjudicators to debates that are not fully vaccinated (or hold the appropriate medical exemption) under this directive.

To be appointed to in-person debates and workshops you must upload a screenshot of your vaccination certificate or medical exemption to the QDU CMS. The CMS portal will ask about your vaccination status, including whether you have received two or three vaccine doses. Please update this portal if/when you receive further doses of a Covid-19 vaccine as legislative requirements surrounding what constitutes “fully vaccinated” status may change.

2. Masks

The QDU will continue to enforce mask mandates in-line with current legislative requirements. Given Queensland Schools remain a “high risk setting” for the purposes of section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* (Qld), it is recommended you continue to wear your mask. Masks are required when you are unable to socially distance. Should you feel uncomfortable with these guidelines, please continue to wear your mask and contact admin@qdu.org.au to make any arrangements necessary to facilitate your participation.

3. Environment control

Where possible, strive to provide create physical distance between yourself and others. This means that you should leave at least one seat between yourself and anyone else and encourage spectators to sit in separate family groups. Please discourage students from shaking hands after the debate and instead encourage them to congratulate their opposition without physical contact. If practical, ensure that the windows in your debate room are open to ensure adequate ventilation.

4. Isolation

You are not permitted to attend debates if any of the following apply:

- (a) You have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 7 days;
- (b) You are unwell and exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms;
- (c) You are currently awaiting test results for a non-routine Covid-19 test (e.g. you got tested because you were unwell, not because your workplace requires regular testing);
- (d) You have been identified as a close contact and you had contact with the Covid-19 positive person within the past 7 days; or
- (e) You have had significant exposure to a Covid-19 positive person within the past 7 days (even if you are not designated as a close contact, you are not permitted to attend debates for at least a 7 day period).

5. Communication

Effective communication will be essential to ensuring that you have a positive experience adjudicating for the QDU in 2022 and that our competitions are a success. Should this policy change, you will be notified through emails, our website and social media channels. Through prompt and ongoing communication between adjudicators and Tony, we will be able to overcome the evolving challenges associated with Covid-19 as we did with the help of adjudicators in 2020 and 2021. If you are uncertain about whether you will be able to adjudicate a debate, please let Tony know ASAP to ensure there will be an adjudicator available to attend.