

## Living with Covid 19 – Association’s Scalable Response

### General Statement

The Association may choose to respond rapidly to changes in prevalence of Covid 19 in the Gold Coast region. Any changes in prevalence of Covid 19 within a 200km radius will be scrutinised by the community and a determination will be made as to Association operations. This information will be circulated to members via email, phone and notice board. Between **48 and 1 weeks notice** will be provided regarding changes in operations, dependent upon the prevalence of Covid 19 in the community or on directions given by Public Health.

### Changes in operation may include any or all of the following:

- mandatory mask wearing while inside studios;
- refusing access to members, teachers, visitors, and students who reside within an emerging hot spot;
- closing the gallery;
- closing classes;
- reduction in numbers able to work in the studio;
- reduced access or closure of kilns; and
- other responses as may be necessary.

### Information Sourced for Decision Making

Sources of information for decision making will be Queensland, New South Wales and Australian public health websites as listed below. The information being scrutinised is outlined below however it is not exclusive and other emerging sources of information may be utilised for decision making purposes.

The Association will monitor prevalence of Covid 19 in the committee by reviewing Queensland Government Current Status Reports found at <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>. Specific attention will be given to new and active cases and the method of transmission. See figure 1 and 2 below

Region	Total cases	Active cases <sup>(1)</sup> <a href="#">[#caveat-active]</a>	Total recovered	Total deaths
Darling Downs	42	0	40	2
Gold Coast	196	1	196	0

Figure 1. Number of Active Cases in the Gold Coast

Case summary	
Cases	Total
Number of cases	1,071
Last 24 hours	0
Active cases <sup>(1)</sup> <a href="#">[#caveat-active]</a>	2

Figure 2. Case summary – Last 24 hours

New South Wales current status reports found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx> see figure 3 below



Figure 3 – clickable map shows active transmissions which have occurred in Northern NSW (Northern Rivers) in the past 24 hours to 4 weeks.

## Response

The Association will review the number of new cases, the number of cases under investigation and the number of cases considered as possible community transmissions.

**An increase of 5 or more new cases in the Gold Coast, Northern Rivers or Metro South areas which are under investigation and suspected community transfer will result in the following actions by the Association:**

- mandatory mask wearing while inside studios;
- refusing access to members, teachers, visitors, and students who reside within an emerging hot spot; and
- reiteration to all teachers, students, members and visitors via email of the Covid Safe plan for the Association;

**An increase of 10 or more cases in the Northern Rivers, Metro South area (but not Gold Coast) will result in the following actions by the Association:**

- reduction in numbers able to work in the studio;
- restrictions on the use of kiln; [and studio use by key holders](#)
- notifying students and teachers of the potential closure of classes;

**An increase of 10 or more new cases in the Gold Coast area or 20 or more community-based transmissions\* in the Northern Rivers, Metro South area will result in the following actions by the Association:**

- closing the gallery;
- closing of classes;
- reduction in numbers able to work in the studio;
- restrictions or closure of the kiln; [and studio use by key holders](#)

\*Community transmission describes the situation where a person is infected by the virus but they have not been overseas recently or been in recent contact with other confirmed cases. The term basically means authorities are unable to trace the source of the infection.

Reintroduction of the gallery, classes, opening the studio to members and use of the kiln etc. will be reviewed after a sustained reduction or elimination of new cases of Covid 19 has been achieved over a 21 day period.

