

Policy on Covid-19 and SKIF summer camp

About this policy

This document should be regarded as an interim policy. It is subject to review both before and on summer camp.

This document outlines the Bund/SKIF policy on Covid 19, acknowledging that the government directives and medical recommendations regarding participation in activities and attendance at particular venues are subject to change between now and January 2022.

Vaccination policy

People aged 12 and over

Any person 12 years and over (including SKIFistn, helper and visitors to SKIF/Camp) must:

- 1) be vaccinated (with 2 doses of a Covid-19 vaccination) prior to camp; and
- 2) the person's vaccination certificate supplied.

This is necessary not only for the protection of other SKIFistn and helper, but also because of general considerations – For example: if a child needs to be taken to the doctor or hospital during camp, their treatment may be significantly delayed without a vaccination certificate being available.

For children who have not yet been vaccinated, we urge you commence the process immediately as there is typically a 3-6 week interval between vaccinations.

Children who turn 12 **before or on camp**, but without sufficient time to complete the vaccination schedule due to the interval requirement, will be subject to the exemption policy below.

Exemptions from Covid-19 vaccination

Prior to attending SKIF camp, any person over the age of 12 who has a vaccination exemption must:

- 1) provide a copy of the individual's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) - immunisation medical exemption form (IM011), completed by an authorised practitioner; or
- 2) provide a copy of the individual's Immunisation History Statement on the Australian Immunisation Register, recording the medical exemption and provide a written reason for the exemption; or
- 3) provide evidence, such as proof of first dose or proof of identification, that the person is exempt from the Bund/SKIF vaccination policy due to insufficient time to complete the vaccination schedule prior to camp due to the interval requirements.

These will be reviewed by the Senior Medical Committee. This enables an assessment to be made of the suitability of the activity or camp experience for participants with significant immunosuppression or allergies.

Children under 12

Currently no vaccination is approved for children of this age in Australia. Therefore children under the age of 12 will not need to be vaccinated prior to camp.

Should a vaccine become available and recommended in this age group, the policy will be revisited, taking into account the practicalities of getting vaccinated in the time remaining before camp.

Visitors to SKIF camp

All visitors to camp over the age of 12 must be fully vaccinated unless a valid exemption has been supplied to the Senior Medical Committee. Visitors may include:

- Parents/guardians and other family members visiting camp to drop off children, collect children or entering the camp site at any time.
- Guest speakers and visitors running an activity on camp
- Cooks and any other support people attending camp to assist Helper or SKIFistn.

Visitors must:

- 1) check-in using a QR code or other method of record keeping according to government regulations; and
- 2) Show a valid digital vaccination certificate; or
- 3) Provide a copy of the vaccination certificate for validation.

Visitors to SKIF camp who do not Check-in and do not provide a valid vaccination certificate will not be permitted to enter the camp site, unless an exemption has been granted by the Senior Medical Committee.

Testing Policy

General policy

Anyone feeling unwell or displaying symptoms indicative of Covid-19 should get tested immediately and **must not** attend SKIF/Bund activities or camp in accordance with government regulations and medical directives. This includes drop off and pick up at SKIF events.

SKIF/Bund may require evidence of compliance with isolation and self-quarantine directions in order to permit attendance at SKIF/Bund events. We strongly urge compliance with isolation and self-quarantine directions as a means of protecting our community from furthering the spread of Covid-19, which will allow all of us to resume and maintain our "covid normal" lives.

Polymerase chain reaction testing (PCR)

PCR tests are generally considered better at detecting the presence of the Covid-19 virus and are currently the preferred method of diagnosis of COVID-19. PCR tests typically take several hours to generate results, and require complex laboratory equipment and trained technicians. Results are usually received 24-28 hours post receipt of the sample, although they can take several days to be returned.

Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)

Rapid antigen tests can be performed easily with results available within minutes. RAT is a quick and moderately accurate test for Covid-19 which can be done by trained staff.

However, these tests have some limitations compared to the standard COVID-19 tests (PCR) used at testing clinics. It is not suitable for patients who have symptoms who need the more accurate PCR test, but is appropriate for people who have no symptoms and have been in contact with a positive case.

Testing on and prior to camp

SKIFistn and Helfer must be well prior to attending SKIF camp.

If a person intending to attend camp, or on camp is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, that person must have a PCR test and follow the health directives for self-quarantine and isolation.

Anyone requiring PCR testing while on camp will be taken to a testing clinic. SKIF camp facilities have been organised so that appropriate spaces are available to comply with any isolation or self-quarantine needs on camp.

The Senior Medical Committee will review opportunities to use RAT to allow camp to proceed as uninterrupted as possible. RAT may be implemented for participants on camp and visitors to camp, as appropriate.

As with all medical costs incurred on camp, the cost of any RAT test (less than \$10) administered will be invoiced to the parent/guardian after camp.

SKIF/the Bund will provide further clarity on the circumstances in which RAT will be done in the weeks prior to SKIF camp beginning, if at all.

Camp participants

Prior to camp:

Anyone who is feeling unwell or has any symptoms that may indicate Covid-19 **must not** attend SKIF camp until they have returned a negative PCR test and completed self-quarantine or isolation requirements in line with government and health directives. This includes Helfer, cooks and children under 12.

SKIFistn or Helfer living with a diagnosed person, or who have been in close contact with a diagnosed person must have completed the period of self-quarantine or isolation in accordance with government and health directives applicable at the time. Proof of negative Covid test prior to coming to camp may need to be provided in these circumstances.

On Camp:

Anyone who is feeling unwell or displays symptoms that may indicate Covid 19 will be tested for Covid 19 as soon practicable. Requirements to isolate, identify close contacts and self-quarantine will be applied in line with the government requirements at the time.

Further information about SKIF camp Covid procedures will be available on the SKIF website prior to camp.

Visitors to camp

Anyone who is feeling unwell or has any symptoms that may indicate Covid-19 must not visit SKIF camp.

Visitors to SKIF camp for any purpose are subject to the same requirements as applicable to camp participants (see above).

It is envisaged a Visitors Day during Summer Camp will be possible noting the relaxation of caps and density limits expected before the end of November 2021.