



COVID-19 Safety Plan & Policy

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Introduction

Astrotourism WA Pty Ltd T/A Stargazers Club WA has initiated this COVID-19 Safety Plan and Policy. We are open and committed to maintaining the WA Government's safety measures. We're doing our part to keep you safe. Please respect the rules, our workers, volunteers and other customers.

Astrotourism WA and Stargazers Club WA are accredited COVID Vaxx and COVID Clean Practising Businesses with the Tourism Council WA.



We are committed to providing a safe environment for workers, volunteers and customers and, in consultation with workers and volunteers, will continually assess the way we work to identify, understand and quantify risks and to implement and review control measures to address those risks.

As COVID-19 restrictions change, we will work together to adapt and promote safe work practices, consistent with advice from health authorities.

We will follow the [Western Australian Government's COVID Safety Plan and Guidelines](#) and actively control against the transmission of COVID-19 while at work, consistent with the latest advice from the [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee](#).

We will prepare for the possibility that there will be cases of COVID-19 in the workplace and be ready to respond immediately, appropriately, effectively and efficiently, and consistent with advice from health authorities.

We will utilise guidance and tools provided by [Safe Work Australia](#) to manage health and safety risks posed by COVID-19.

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All workers, volunteers and customers, regardless of how they engage with Astrotourism WA Pty Ltd T/A Stargazers Club WA, have the right to a healthy and safe working environment. We are committed to:

- providing a safe environment for workers and customers at all of its events and activities; and
- supporting WA's transition towards living with COVID-19 and minimising serious illness.

We will follow [WA's Safe Transition Plan](#) that provides certainty on how businesses and WA's way of life can continue safely with the introduction of public health and social measures.



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Astrotourism WA and Stargazers Club WA will require the following from all workers, volunteers and customers:

Masks will be worn in venues and settings according to the [Western Australian Government's current restrictions advice](#), unless exempt.

COVID-19 Vaccination. In accordance with [Astrotourism WA's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#), all workers, volunteers and customers will require proof of being double dose vaccinated against COVID-19 when attending events and activities, unless exempt on medical grounds. If circumstances require, a full refund will be issued to customers unable to attend events and activities.

Contact register. Attendees at events and activities must register attendance by checking in using the [SafeWA app](#) or recording details on a manual contact register.

Illness. If you're feeling unwell, have flu-like symptoms or have an eye infection on the day of an event, please do not attend. Please call to cancel your booking. If possible, your booking will be transferred to another event date. Or, if circumstances require, a full refund will be issued. If a customer arrives at an event and displays symptoms of being unwell, has flu-like symptoms or has an eye infection, they will be requested to leave and, if circumstances require, a full refund will be issued.

Physical distancing will be maintained at events in accordance with the [Western Australian Government's COVID Safety Plan and Guidelines](#).

- Please don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings;
- 1.5 metres separation will be maintained between people who are not from the same household or groups of other customers; and
- a strict limit of a minimum of two square metres (2sqm) per person will apply inside venues. Chairs or markers on the floor will be used to maintain this limit.

Hygiene will be maintained at events in accordance with the [Western Australian Government's COVID Safety Plan and Guidelines](#).

- Workers and volunteers will not shake hands or exchange physical greetings with each other or customers.
- Customers will touch and operate their own equipment only. Workers, volunteers and instructors will make every effort not to touch equipment owned by others and expect customers to operate their own equipment.
- If workers or volunteers find it necessary to touch equipment belonging to someone else, disposable gloves will be used by an instructor. These disposable gloves will be used once for the individual customer and then disposed of in a safe manner.
- Please practise good hand hygiene.
- Hand washing stations and/or hand sanitiser will be available for use during events.

Equipment sharing at public stargazing events. The nature of public stargazing and astronomy events means that telescope equipment (e.g. eyepieces) and equipment such as ladders to assist



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with viewing through telescopes are shared. The following practices will be followed at all events:

- Hand sanitiser will be available for use at each shared telescope for use prior to touching equipment at public stargazing events.
- A plastic cap (with a hole) will be fitted over telescope eyepieces at public stargazing events. The plastic cap will be cleaned with an appropriate cleaner after each person views through the telescope.

Equipment sharing at classes and lessons. The nature of telescope or astrophotography classes and lessons means that instructors are assisting customers to work and use their equipment. The following practices will be followed at all lessons and classes:

- Instructors will make every effort to get the customer to operate their own camera or telescope rather than the instructor touching the equipment.
- When conducting telescope classes, workers will carry their own personal eyepiece to use as needed.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use.
- Disposable gloves will be used by an instructor if there is any reason to touch a customer's equipment. These disposable gloves will be used once for the individual customer and then disposed of in a safe manner.

Venues. Our events are held at a variety of locations around Western Australia. We will work with each venue operator to request that they are following [Western Australian Government's COVID Safety Plan and Guidelines](#) in preparation for the event.

COVIDSafe app. Voluntary download and use of the [Australian Government's COVIDSafe app](#) during events is encouraged.



Tourism operators



**Our business has a
COVID Safety Plan**

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WA Government's safety measures

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respect the rules and staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain physical distancing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practise healthy hygiene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Download the COVIDSafe app

We're doing our part to help keep you safe.
Please respect the rules and our staff.

We're all in this *together* Go forth, WA #wanderoutyonder

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