

Icon Water COVID-19 event controls

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and transmission in the community. Tours and education sessions events will be reassessed to maintain the safety and wellbeing of all participants, staff and business operations.

Our education program's focus has been to deliver engaging digital webinar sessions along with a suit of online education resources to support teachers and educators.

With a return to face-to-face events, in addition to the terms of participation for Icon Water tours, the following COVID-19 event controls are in place. They are intended to maintain the safety and wellbeing of all participants and business operations during our events.

1. Unwell or close contacts

Participants who are unwell, experiencing symptoms or have close contact/ family members with COVID-19 are requested not attend the event for the wellbeing of all participants and our operations.

Clear messaging to stay home if unwell and get tested if COVID-19 symptoms are being experienced (regardless of how mild) is displayed. This messaging will be communicated to attendees in advance. If unwell, or testing positive, participants must self-identify and inform us as soon as possible.

2. Social distancing

- Staff will maintain 1.5-meter distance from participants during events. Modifying event to ensure the safety and wellbeing of participants and operational staff.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres will be maintained between adults whenever possible.
- Physical distancing requirements do not apply to students from the same school or group. However, they are strongly encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene and use non-contact forms of greetings.

3. Maintain good hygiene

The following measures are in place to enable staff and students to maintain good hygiene.

- Hand sanitisers are provided with tour and event kits
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting, particularly for high-touch areas and equipment
- Disinfection wipes for equipment between sessions. E.g., personal protective equipment (PPE) must be washed between tours.
- Duration of tour and session activities will be limited to less than one (1) hour. Contact between cohorts from different schools will be minimised.
- Facemasks are encouraged for all participants in indoor settings.

4. Travelling to sites

All participants traveling in vehicles are highly encouraged to wear masks*

Staff and adults must wear a mask* when moving through indoor event venues or sites. Masks may be removed when presenting if social distancing can be remained of at least 1.5m.

* All participants to supply their own mask.

5. Tour arrangements – 2022 - 2023

In the best interest of our essential water and wastewater service operations, all school tours and visits to operational sites will remain on hold. This includes LMWQCC (Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre), SWTP (Stromlo Water Treatment Plant), CPS (Cotter Pump Station) and GWTP (Googong Water Treatment Plant).

Small group tours to Cotter Dam Discovery Trail and Googong Dam will resume from August 30, 2022.

Please note tours may be changed, or cancelled, with minimum notice. We will notify the individual who booked your tour of the cancellation. If possible, alternative activities should be arranged. Reasons for cancellations may include extreme weather activity, operator unavailability or onsite emergency or guide unavailability.