

Victoria Evening Newcomers Club (VENC) COVID-19 RELATED GUIDELINES

The following Guidelines are temporary and should be considered when planning and announcing VENC Activities and Events.

1. The VENC COVID-19 Restart Safety Plan has been created to align with the BC Provincial Health Officer's (PHO) orders and requirements. The Restart Safety Plan can be found on the VENC website, with an embedded link to the current PHO orders and requirements. When planning an Activity or an Event, it should align with the Safety Plan.
2. Notwithstanding clause 1-2 of the VENC bylaws (found on the VENC website) which states that "Paid members of VENC may participate in all VENC events and activities" the following was recently passed by the VENC Executive as a **temporary measure**:
 - Due to the spread of Covid variants and rising case numbers, the Club recognises that in these extraordinary circumstances it is the prerogative of individual members hosting activities at their private residence to determine the COVID related safety measures they require, including vaccination status.
 - If the hosting member's request is to have only attendees who are fully vaccinated, that intention must be stated in the Evite (invitation).
 - It should be noted that this motion will be reviewed to determine its continued relevance once a month at meetings of the Executive.
3. When organizing a VENC Activity or Event that involves ride sharing or meeting in small indoor spaces, the wearing of masks is recommended as an acknowledgement of possible risk. The small group might discuss the wearing of masks and decide it is not necessary but no member should be made to feel uncomfortable because they choose to wear a mask.
4. When organizing any indoor activity, it is recommended that while COVID and its variants are still active in our community, groups be kept small. For example, two small indoor groups of 4 or 6 each may be more appealing to members than one large group of 8 or 12.
5. When organizing an Activity or Event, it is suggested that having sanitizing materials available acknowledges the risk of coming together and keeps it forefront in our minds.
6. Although you may be Zoomed Out (who knew that phrase two years ago!), the VENC Executive Committee has a Zoom Account that can be made available to Activity Leaders who might have ideas for a Zoom gathering or for any VENC related meeting or gathering. The account name and password can be requested by emailing vencenquiries@gmail.com

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