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## **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN REVIEWED JANUARY 2022**

### **Introduction**

This document is a frequently changing one, in which the Association endeavours to respond to the environment in which we operate.

### **State Government Requirement**

Travellers who arrive in Tasmania who have not undertaken a rapid antigen test with a negative result, will be required to quarantine until they have undertaken a test and received a negative result.

If you are required to quarantine, it means that you must stay away from others and the wider community to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

It is a requirement for people aged 16 years and over to use the Check in App each time you visit a venue, regardless of how much time you spend there.

It is a requirement for people aged 12 years and older (unless exempt) in Tasmania to wear a face mask in all public indoor spaces as an additional layer of protection against COVID-19.

### **Definition Close Contact**

You will be considered a close contact if you have spent four hours or longer with a COVID-19 case in a household or household-like setting, and required to quarantine for seven days regardless of vaccination status and have a rapid antigen test (RAT) on days one and six.

## T.S.T.A. Policy

### **PASSENGERS AND CREW MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND ABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION UPON REQUEST <sup>1</sup>**

**In addition, you may not board the vessel if:**

- You have failed to return a negative test for COVID-19 since returning from a high risk or extreme risk area
- You are a close contact of a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19
- You are under investigation for being at risk of the COVID-19 virus

**Sanitiser will be provided for your use and you will be requested to sanitise PRIOR to boarding.**

**You will be required to wear a face mask on day sailing if you venture below deck, unless you possess a medical exemption from wearing one.**

If a passenger does not have their own face mask, they may purchase one from the purser.<sup>2</sup>

**If you are experiencing signs of illness, as listed below, you will not be permitted to board and you will be asked to leave and seek medical advice.**

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Unexplained shortness of breath
- Sudden loss of smell or taste

Pre-booked passengers will be offered a refund in accordance with the Lady Nelson Passenger Cancellation Policy.

**Lady Nelson members attending the vessel or the Lady Nelson Office are required to be fully vaccinated, are required to use the Check in App every time they board the vessel, are required to sanitise, are required to wear a face mask if below deck with another person during day sails or maintenance and are requested to contact Crewing as soon as is practicable, should they be registered for crewing and feel unwell. If you are experiencing signs of being unwell, see list above, you will be asked to leave the setting and required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to the Office before continuing to volunteer. A rapid antigen test will be acceptable for this purpose.**

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<sup>1</sup> On line passengers must now confirm vaccination status prior to purchasing a ticket on the website. Purser will need to view a tick on the check in app or other proof of vaccination for walk up customers.

<sup>2</sup> Disposable masks in the purser cupboard for sale at \$2 each

## Away Trips

The TSTA require crew and passengers on overnight voyages from 1<sup>ST</sup> January 2022 to be fully vaccinated prior to vessel departure.

Crew will be required to complete a negative RAT the evening prior to departure, allowing time for crew replacement.

Away trip passengers will be asked for proof of vaccination by the Lady Nelson Office once a berth has been booked and will be asked to perform a RAT on the day of departure. In the event of a positive test, a refund will be organised.

Neither pillows nor bedding will be provided for either passengers or crew.

Passengers will have access to the whole vessel during their voyage.

All persons will be encouraged to keep safe practices in line with current government advice where possible.

## Below Decks - Day Sailing Only

Crew only may access all below deck areas of the ship but are encouraged to use the focsle heads only.

Passengers who do need to go below deck must wear a face mask (unless exempt) and should only use the midships cabin.<sup>3</sup> If a passenger does not have a face mask, they may purchase one from the Purser or crew.

If crew are directed to fit a passenger for a harness, bring some harnesses onto the deck and wipe down the harness with a disinfectant wipe before returning to the storage line.

## Boosters

Crew are strongly encouraged to strengthen their vaccination with a booster as soon as is practicable.

## Capacity

Unless already chartered and agreed to by the Board of Directors, capacity will be limited to 33 persons on the vessel at any given time. Please try to be mindful of physical distancing where possible.

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<sup>3</sup> Passengers may access all areas of the ship if directed to by the Master for safety reasons.

## Contact Tracing

Pursers are to ask passengers to check in prior to boarding and take contact details should they be unable to check in electronically. These details should be kept for a period of 28 days by the office.

## Cleaning

Be mindful of the importance of keeping our vessel clean. Cleaning should be done at the end of harbour and extended sailing or maintenance days. Cue cards are available in cabins. Focus on -

- Frequently touched surfaces
- Regularly spray down the galley, saloon, focsle and aft cabins with provided water mixed spray and paper towel
- Regular cleaning of surface areas in the heads
- Wash hands with soap and water and dry with paper towel
- Regularly dispose of rubbish
- Engineers to spray focsle during engineer maintenance

## Face Masks

Masks are required in indoor areas of commercial or recreational boats.

You **do not** need to wear a mask when:

- Consuming food, drink or medicine – replace your mask when you have finished.
- You are in possession of an exemption from the Director of Public Health or their delegate. (A medical professional)
- Sleeping on a voyage away.

Reasons for not wearing a mask are not always obvious, so please be respectful of others.

## Hygiene

Handwashing posters will be displayed at sink areas. It is also recommended to either wash hands or sanitise again prior to eating.

Passengers and crew may choose to wear a mask on deck. This is acceptable unless crew are not able to be heard adequately by other crew persons. The situation will be monitored as and when this becomes a safety issue.

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