

CFA Infection Control Policy

Services



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Purpose: This document sets out Cystic Fibrosis Australia Limited's and all Australian Cystic Fibrosis State and Territory organizations' (collectively, 'CFA Bodies', individually, 'CFA Body') policy position and guiding principles on cross infection.

Background: Cystic Fibrosis NSW undertook planning for the 2015 CF Lay Conference, which necessitated careful consideration of the reputation, clinical, legal, and consumer rights issues arising from the need to minimise the risk of cross infection when people with CF attend such events. While the issue has been managed at a state, national and international level for many years' changes to the Work Health & Safety and Privacy legislation, as well as emerging clinical evidence, provided the catalyst for seeking specialist legal advice.

Policies and Forms:

- 1.1 CFA Bodies recommend that certain information should be considered before a person decides to attend an event conducted by any CFA Body. Events are open to all members of the cystic fibrosis (CF) community, including people with CF, family members of people with CF, and CF community supporters. These events are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation, education, to make decisions and provide an opportunity for people from the CF community to meet. The health, safety and wellbeing of everyone at these events is of great importance.
- 1.2 This policy applies equally to employees, volunteers and event participants.
- 1.3 CFA Bodies:
 - (a) will ensure that the Policy Statement set out in Schedule A will be made available to all potential attendees prior to any event;
 - (b) may ask attendees to sign a document/s:
 - (i) acknowledging that the attendee understands the risks of attending the event, broadly having the content set out in Schedule B ('Risk Waiver'), as amended for the circumstances; and
 - (ii) waiving liability, releasing the CFA Body and organisers and indemnifying them, broadly having the content set out in Schedule C ('Deed Poll'), as amended for the circumstances.

REVIEW OF POLICY

- 1.4 The CF Federation Leadership Group must review this Policy on at least an annual basis, or where a CFA Body specifically requests due to changes in circumstance, clinical practice or other emergent issues requiring it to be considered more quickly, as required.
- 1.5 Following that review, each CF Body will formally refer this Policy for adoption by its governing body.