

Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health, COVID Policy

The Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health (PBC) follows the Queensland Public Health Direction and Host Country Government Directions regarding PBC events (meetings, workshops, conferences) which are intended to manage the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in situations where larger numbers of people, who do not usually come together, are gathered.

During hosted conferences, workshops and meetings, PBC would:

1. Follow local government guidelines in the host country for holding COVID safe events.
2. Use the PBC COVID safe event checklist, adapted from the Qld Government document
3. Supply sanitiser and masks to participants at the conference, promote COVID safe measures using posters at conference site.
4. Promote use of sanitiser and face masks and implement social distancing. Promoted in pre conference information (via website and in conference packs) and addressed with all attendees in the opening remarks at conference.

Pre-Event Planning Host site, Local and Federal Government advice and restrictions may change with minimal notice. The Meeting host chairperson is responsible for keeping the organising committee informed and up to date about Government advice that may impact the event. Government directions can be issued quickly with almost immediate effect so planned events may be required to be changed or cancelled in accordance with these directions.

Occupant density applies in indoor spaces:

- a) Follow Host site, Local and Federal Government advice

Occupant density applies in outdoor spaces:

- a) Follow Host site, Local and Federal Government advice

Vaccination requirement

Highly recommended that all participants be vaccinated against COVID-19 wherever possible.

Links

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/queenslands-covid19-vaccine-plan/queenslands-public-health-measures>