

Appendix 2: Information on vulnerable groups to be provided to all external participants before the event

Before the event, as part of the invitation, all participants must be provided with the information in below box. This constitutes one of the COVID 19 risk control measures. Participants are requested to self-assess whether they are a person vulnerable to more serious COVID 19 illness and declare this in the participants' survey.

The information in the Box 2 below can be send out to participants in an email or can be provided personally on the phone as required.

Box 2: Information on vulnerable groups

Dear Participant,

Before you attend this event, please consider the below information regarding persons that are at higher risk of serious illness if they are infected with COVID 19. We kindly request that you self-assess whether you belong to one of these groups and declare this to the organisers prior to the event (no details are required). This information is provided to you to make an informed decision whether you are prepared to take that risk and want to attend the event or not. If you are unsure, please consult your health professional for advice (at your own expense).

The following list describes the groups that are more vulnerable to serious COVID 19 illness. (Source: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-advice-to-national-cabinet-on-30-march-2020>)

A person may be considered as a vulnerable person to more serious COVID 19 illness if they:

- are 70 years or older
- are 65 years or older with chronic medical conditions
- are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is 50 years or older with one or more chronic medical conditions
- are significantly immunocompromised or taking immunosuppression therapy
- have a chronic medical condition, including:
 - chronic renal failure
 - coronary heart disease or congestive heart failure
 - chronic lung disease including severe asthma (for which frequent medical consultations or the use of multiple medications is required), cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis, suppurative lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic emphysema
 - poorly controlled diabetes
 - poorly controlled hypertension.

There is limited evidence at this time regarding the risk in pregnant women. Queensland Health advises that an assessment should be undertaken of a pregnant person's work environment, particularly the risk associated with COVID 19 viral infections. Pregnant participants are requested to self-assess whether they wish to attend the event.

Please stay home if unwell!