

Email Update, 7 December 2021

TO: Wine Tasmania's Producer Members

Covid updates

We've been receiving a few enquiries ahead of borders fully opening from next Wednesday 15 December. In addition to the official Government information at <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>, you might like to bookmark Wine Tasmania's Covid webpage [here](#), as we are continuing to keep this updated with information relevant to the wine sector.

All businesses need to:

- Have an up to date [Covid safety plan](#)
- Be registered and have a [QR code](#) / signage for public entry (cellar doors)
- Sanitise regularly, frequently clean high contact areas, maintain social distancing where possible and make sure people don't come to work if they feel unwell or are showing Covid symptoms
- Plan for and understand what may happen if there is a [Covid case / outbreak](#)
- Talk with staff and encourage them to [get vaccinated](#) (if not mandatory - see further details below)

New health directive - mandatory vaccination

For cellar doors that offer standing tastings, we have been advised by government that the rules announced last week for pubs / licensed venues do apply in terms of mandatory vaccination for customers (from yesterday) and for staff (from the 15th). There is further information and signage you can use at cellar door here - <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/vaccination-requirements/pubs-bars-nightclubs-and-licensed-events>. Note, you do not need to check that every person is fully vaccinated, this is the responsibility of individuals entering premises.

If you're offering seated tastings only, you can interpret these rules not to apply to your cellar door, so each business needs to undertake its own planning and risk assessment.

Wine Tasmania's position is to encourage businesses to minimise risk by requiring all customers to be fully vaccinated, in accordance with the latest health directive and to display signage in the car park and at the entrance. This is, however, a decision for each business to make while this is not yet mandatory across all public venues.

Questions?

It's challenging to keep up with the changing requirements, but there is plenty of help. The official website at www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au is the best reference, but you can also get in touch with Wine Tasmania, [Business Tasmania](#), [Worksafe Tasmania](#) or the [TCCI](#), which has a free industrial relations service.

Wine Tasmania Contacts

It is with some sadness but the best of wishes that we advise Allison Williams has resigned from Wine Tasmania and will finish up on 15 December. Allison was Wine Tasmania's inaugural Executive Officer in 2006 and guided the organisation through its first 18 months. While having and raising two sons, Allison returned to the organisation on a part-time basis, looking after the wine trails publication, membership, events, sponsorship, communication, finances and more. She's devoted 15 years to the Tasmanian wine sector and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her tireless contribution and good humour around the office. We'll announce her "replacement" shortly.

Please contact me (0407 004 959), Paul (0414 980 798) or Tess (0417 461 446) with any questions at any time. The office will be closed from 23 December to 4 January, but I'm happy to take a call on my mobile during this time.

Best wishes for a busy and safe festive season.

Thanks,
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Wine Tasmania acknowledges the Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of lutruwita (Tasmania), our island home. Our vines have their feet in the ancient soils of lutruwita and benefit from the water that generously falls on this island. Our grapes breathe and thrive in the island's crisp fresh air and our vineyards are planted along our precious waterways, which moderate vineyard temperature and help to protect them from frosts. We therefore thank and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal communities, elders past and present and recognise their deep and spiritual connection to this amazing place, lutruwita.