



BGDA ADJUDICATOR COVID-19 POLICY

1. Vaccination

As of 31 October 2022, there is no Public Health Directive requiring vaccination in education facilities. Given the nature of adjudication and the fact that it brings adjudicators into contact with a large number of students from different schools, the BGDA encourages all members of the community to stay up to date with the latest vaccination advice, and follow the advice of their health professional.

2. Masks

Queensland Health no longer requires the wearing of masks except for those who have tested positive to Covid-19 in the past 7 days or you have been in close contact with someone with Covid-19 in the past 5 days. The BGDA will continue to support the choice of spectators, students and adjudicators should they choose to wear a mask.

Should Queensland Health advice change, masks may be required at rounds during training, preparation and during debates. The Executive will advise all stakeholders if this is the case.

3. Environment control

Where possible, strive to create physical distance between yourself and others. This means leaving space between yourself and anyone else and encouraging spectators to sit in separate family groups. Please discourage students from shaking hands after the debate and instead encourage them to congratulate their opposition without physical contact. If practical, ensure that the windows in your debate room are open to ensure adequate ventilation.

4. Isolation

You are not permitted to attend debates if any of the following apply:

- (a) You have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 7 days;
- (b) You are unwell and exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms;
- (c) You are currently awaiting test results for a non-routine Covid-19 test (e.g. you got tested because you were unwell, not because your workplace requires regular testing);
- (d) You have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to Covid-19 in the past 5 days.

5. Communication

Effective communication will be essential to ensuring that you have a positive experience adjudicating for the BGDA in 2023 and that our competitions are a success. Through prompt and ongoing communication between adjudicators and the executive, we will be able to overcome the evolving challenges associated with Covid-19 as we did with the help of our adjudicators over the past few years. If you are uncertain about whether you will be able to adjudicate a debate, please let Trish (adjudicators@bgda.org.au) know ASAP to ensure there will be an adjudicator available to attend.