



BGDA ADJUDICATOR COVID-19 POLICY

1. Vaccination

The facilitation of debates in Queensland Schools is deemed a “high risk setting” for the purposes of section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* (Qld). Therefore, BGDA is not permitted to appoint any adjudicators to debates that are not fully vaccinated (or hold the appropriate medical exemption) under this directive.

To be appointed to in-person debates and workshops you must provide a copy of your vaccination certificate to the Adjudicators Officer. Please update the Adjudicators Office if/when you receive a booster dose of a Covid-19 vaccine as legislative requirements surrounding what constitutes “fully vaccinated” status may change.

2. Masks

While watching debates or moving between debates, all adjudicators must wear a face mask. If you have a medical condition which would make it unreasonable for you to wear a mask and this had been medically certified, please get in touch with the BGDA at president@bgda.org.au so that alternative arrangements can be considered.

While presenting your oral adjudication you may remove your face mask. This is in line with the current Queensland Education guidance that teachers may remove their face masks when teaching or presenting at the front of a classroom. These mask requirements will remain in place until they are revoked by the Executive, which will not occur until a change in Queensland Health advice.

3. Environment control

Where possible, strive to provide create physical distance between yourself and others. This means that you should leave at least one seat between yourself and anyone else and encourage 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 identified as a close contact and you had contact with the Covid-19 positive person within the past 7 days; or
- (e) You have had significant exposure to a Covid-19 positive person within the past 7 days (even if you are not a close contact, if believe that you have had prolonged or otherwise significant exposure to a Covid-19 positive person you are not permitted to adjudicate debates for at least a 7 day period).

5. Communication

Effective communication will be essential to ensuring that you have a positive experience adjudicating for the BGDA in 2022 and that our competitions are a success. Through prompt and ongoing communication between adjudicators and Eva, we will be able to overcome the evolving challenges associated with Covid-19 as we did with the help of adjudicators in 2020 and 2021. If you are uncertain about whether you will be able to adjudicate a debate, please let Eva know ASAP to ensure there will be an adjudicator available to attend.