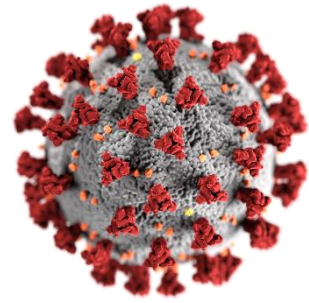


COVID-19 Safety Plan



The Commons Hobart – January 2022 update

This **COVID Safe Plan** provides guidance to owners and residents of The Commons on practices we all need to follow to keep safe both ourselves and our neighbours and friends. The Commons Committee will determine relevant policy settings, and the COVID-19 Response Group will provide on the ground assistance to residents where required.

Masks

The new extremely infectious Omicron strain of COVID-19 has now arrived in Tasmania. As a result the Commons Committee has mandated the use of protective masks in all common areas of the building.

Positive Tests and Incident Response

If you are required to be in quarantine or isolation at home, please contact the Commons COVID Response Group immediately (see contact options below). We will act quickly to support you and to alert others about any issues. We can help you to get supplies and any services you need (e.g. a clothes horse for drying your hand washing).

If you test positive to the virus please let the COVID Response Group know what instructions you receive from the Department of Health. Tasmanian Government guidelines state that you must not enter shared spaces in the building, this includes the corridors, until cleared to do so.

Check-in Tas

A **Check-in Tas** QR code has been placed at both of our entry points and in the lift. **All visitors are required to use the Check-in Tas app when they come in.** This will give the contact tracing teams a hand should this be required.

What residents should do

In addition to checking in on your neighbours regularly to see if they are OK or need anything, please practise the Government's recommended commonsense strategies:

- Wash your hands often with soap and running water, or use hand sanitiser (at least 80% alcohol content) to kill any germs you come in touch with.
- Avoid touching surfaces in common areas with your hands (such as walls, balustrades, lift buttons) where possible.
- Apply physical distancing principles (maintaining a minimum of 1.5 metres between individuals).
- Avoid close contact with people you do not know and trust, as they may be sick even if not showing symptoms.
- Stay in the safety of your home when you have concerns.
- Limit guests in your home to the maximum permitted by [Tas Government directions](#).
- Avoid touching your face.

- Cover your mouth with your elbow if you cough.
- Clean and disinfect your apartment areas regularly, including your front door.
- Favour good ventilation, and use the ventilated stairs rather than the lift as much as possible.
- When you have visitors to your apartment or in common areas, please keep a note of who visited and on what date, just in case contact tracing needs to be done later.
- Talk to your doctor and stay fully vaccinated.
- Run the COVIDSafe app on your mobile phone.

If you experience any cold or flu symptoms:

- Stay at home inside your apartment and do not visit common areas on Level 7;
- Follow [Tas Government](#) and your GP's instructions;
- Current guidelines are that anyone with ANY respiratory symptom should present for COVID-19 testing or conduct a Rapid Antigen Test;
- If you need help with supplies or other assistance, contact the community using one of the channels mentioned below.

In our building

To maintain safe physical distancing in our common areas we need to limit numbers in enclosed spaces to 1 person per 2 square metres of floor area, and also ensure that we can maintain a distance of 1.5m from others.

Room	Maximum number of people*	Sanitiser	Signage
Front Door	-	Y	Y
Lift	3	-	Y
Level 7 Foyer	6	-	-
Communal Kitchen	17	Y	Y
Laundry	5	Y	Y
Basement	-	Y	Y

Cleaning practices in our shared areas

- High traffic surfaces in well-used common areas will be cleaned weekly by the contract cleaner. This includes door handles and regularly touched areas such as lift controls, light switches, benchtops, and mailboxes.
- Use a 0.1% sodium hypochlorite solution (e.g. White King Disinfectant Cleaner Citrus Spray).



Passageways, Stairwells, Basement, Common rooms

- Hand sanitiser is placed at the entrances to the building (front door and lift door in basement) for use by all people coming in.
- Sanitiser is at the entrances to common areas (laundry and common room)
- Signage asks residents and their visitors to either wash hands or use sanitiser before moving around the building, and to not touch surfaces unnecessarily
- Weather permitting, keep windows open to increase fresh air circulation

Lifts

- Signage reminding people to use elbow (or cover hands with cloth) to touch the buttons

Laundry

- Have sanitiser and soap available, and signage to remind residents
- One person from each household does their washing
- People to use their own detergents and pegs

Deliveries to the building

- Delivery staff will not be permitted to enter the building. Collect deliveries at the door yourself, or arrange for a neighbour to collect it for you.
- Signage at the front door to inform delivery staff about this.

Rooftop Garden

- All gardeners to wear personal gardening gloves or to sanitise hands regularly.

Shared cars

- Sanitiser spray will be available in each car.
- Drivers are to clean any touched surfaces after use.

Communications Channels

Commons Slack Forum: A COVID channel (**#covid_19**) has been set up in our Slack forum for residents to share any concerns and let others know of any issues (for example, you might have coronavirus symptoms and want to let others know which areas you have been in). [If you are not a member of the forum yet, please email Di (di.elliffe@tutanota.com) and ask to join].

Email: thecommonshobart@gmail.com – this is a more confidential way that you might choose to ask for help or to pass on information.

COVID-19 Response Group: Bridget 0439 704 176; Di 0411 671 652; Catherine 0408 417 612; Samantha 0418 666 799; Carol 0422 055 746.

Commons Strata Manager: Andrew Kay 62 312540

Sources and References

<https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>

NOTES

Measures of areas:

Lift area 6.9 sq m; Level 7 Hallway 11.6 sq m; Laundry area 6.5 sq m & In front of Garden storeroom 3.6 sq m (total 10 sq m); Common Kitchen area 34 sq m; Basement 310 sq m.

Recommended cleaning contract requirements

- Weekly vacuum of all common areas (foyers, lift, stairwells, laundry, common kitchen, basement and bin room) including the enclosed levels of the stairwells (and sweeping the ventilated levels);
- Wiping with an appropriate (COVID killing) disinfectant cleaner of the areas likely to be touched in daily use (including ground floor toilets, common doors, door handles, areas around switches, machines and bench surfaces in laundry and common kitchen)

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