

Cairns Orthopaedic Clinic Covid 19 Risk Management Plan (updated 12/1/22)

We offer both in person and telehealth consultations.

**Please do not enter the waiting room more than 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment.
Please check your mobile phone on the day of appointment for SMS updates on appointment arrival times.**

FULLY VACCINATED PATIENTS & VISITORS*

(Fully vaccinated means a person has had the required two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.
It does not include a booster shot or a two-week wait after the second dose)

- Must wear a surgical mask
- Must remain physically distanced from all patients and staff
- Check in upon entry to the practice with the COVIDSafe App
 - Show reception proof of check in and vaccination
- You cannot enter the practice if you:
 - are currently deemed a close or casual contact,
 - are in quarantine,
 - are awaiting a Covid-19 test result, or
 - have any symptoms of Covid-19

UNVACCINATED PATIENTS & VISITORS*

(patients who have received less than two Covid -19 vaccinations)

- YOU MUST CONTACT THE CLINIC PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OPTIONS, YOUR SURGEON WILL DETERMINE IF AN IN-PERSON APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED
- If the surgeon has agreed to see you in person you;
- Must attend your appointment with an unopened RAT (Rapid Antigen Test)
- Must arrive 30 minutes before appointment, wait outside the clinic and call reception for advice as to when to begin the RAT, under supervision, with a member of our staff.
- **IF YOU RETURN A NEGATIVE RAT AND ARE GIVEN CLEARANCE TO ENTER THE PRACTICE YOU;**
- Must wear a surgical mask
- Must remain physically distanced from all patients and staff
- Check in upon entry to the practice with the COVIDSafe App
 - Show reception proof of check in and vaccination
- Regardless of negative test, you cannot enter the practice if you:
 - are currently deemed a close or casual contact,
 - are in quarantine,
 - are awaiting a PCR Covid-19 test result, or
 - have any symptoms of Covid-19

*** PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT (VISITORS)**

To help comply with physical distancing rules, please assess if you are comfortable to attend your appointment alone. We can only allow 1 additional fully vaccinated person to accompany you for the appointment (2 fully vaccinated accompanying adults are permitted for children under 16)

PLEASE TREAT OUR STAFF WITH RESPECT - WE ARE CONSTANTLY MONITORING COVID HEALTH ADVICE AND WILL AT TIME TO TIME CHANGE OUR POLICIES TO REFLECT THE CURRENT SITUATION