



CALUMS SEAL TRIPS COVID POLICY AND GUIDELINES MAY 2021

GENERAL

Current knowledge indicates that the risk of the coronavirus being passed on to others outdoors is reduced when people maintain social distancing.

Relevant information about the activity, risks involved and the measures we are taking to manage COVID-19 risks can be seen on our website.

Passengers should understand the risks and what is expected of them to participate.

Regulations providing for the 1 metre physical distancing rule includes wildlife watching day boat trips, sailing day trips, other tourism boat day trips.

Face coverings must be worn on vessels providing these services and where passengers get on and off those vessels. Physical distancing of 1 metre must also be observed at such premises.

CALUMS SEAL TRIPS has undertaken a risk and safety assessment to comply with current guidelines and to provide as safe an environment as possible.

Restrictions have been put in place regarding hygiene/social distancing/risk reduction for crew and passengers prior to and during a wildlife watching experience with Calums Seal Trips

- Social distancing will be achieved by limiting to small groups or household units, where this is not practical numbers will be kept as low as reasonably possible by not filling the boat to capacity, promote distancing and / or designate seating. (Physical distancing does not need to apply to household units).
- Private trips are offered for people who prefer not to intermingle with other guests.
- Face coverings will be used when in situations of higher risk of virus transmission at times that involve close proximity eg embarkation, serving drinks, taking fares.
- Special attention will be given to the crew, their level of exposure, sanitation, and distancing.
- In many cases, crew are the link between clients that are consistently practicing distancing, for example, when serving drinks, taking payment, assisting with boarding. Consideration will be given to reduce crew circulation.
- When administering first aid, some distancing methods need to be adapted or cannot be used. Use Personal Protective Equipment - PPE such as face coverings or gloves
- Preventing surface contact and promoting sanitation for on board common areas. Cleaning and wiping down high use areas and touch points with the virucide supplied, will be undertaken between every trip.



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- Crew will ensure hand sanitiser is used on embarkation and topped up between trips. It will be the responsibility of Calums Seal Trips to keep the hand sanitiser at the top of both pontoons topped up.
- The onboard toilet will only be used in an emergency and then sanitised after use.

PRE-ARRIVAL AND EMBARKATION

- Have screening procedures in place. Before joining an activity or experience passengers are asked to self-assess their physical condition and if they have symptoms, however mild, or are in a household where someone has symptoms, they will not be able to board.
- Crew are expected to self monitor and report if feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms.
- Hand sanitizer is provided and passengers and crew will be asked to sanitize their hands before coming on board, and as often as needed throughout the activity.
- Specific embarkation guidelines to promote distancing and avoid contact when assisting to passengers at time of embarkation
- At areas of high traffic and potential concentration strive to organize social and physical distancing to minimize exposure. For example: by creating 'one way' lanes on pontoons,.
- Provide smaller group activities and consider landing, and activity times to avoid congestion on pontoons.
- Advise that face coverings should be used when in high circulation areas on pontoons
- Liaise with Harbour Association re pontoon use
- The use of vehicles to transport clients before or after boat tours includes a higher degree of COVID-19 transmission risk so we will therefore not be transporting guests to or from the boat.